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CW bill glides thru House

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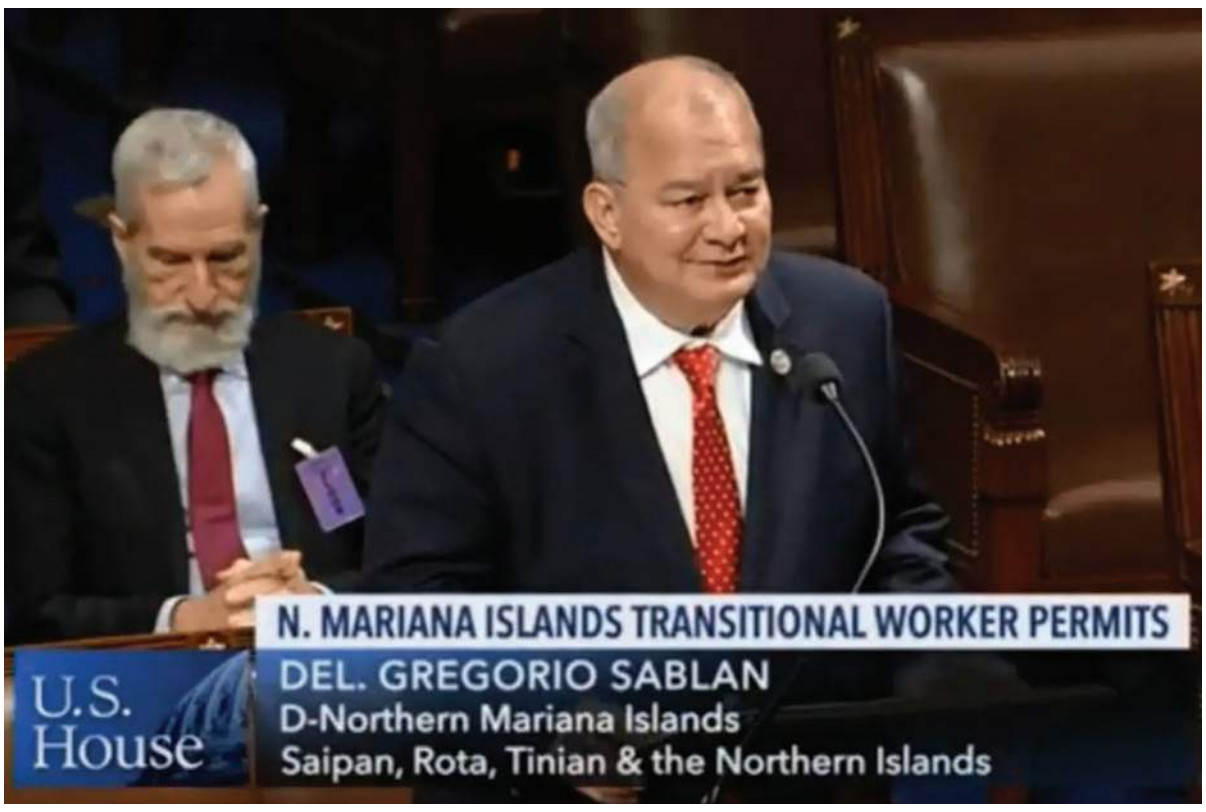
The U.S. House of Representatives unanimously passed early yesterday morning legislation that increases the Commonwealth's foreign worker slots to 13,000 for fiscal year 2019 and extends the program's slated sunset of December 2019.

"We are communicating now with Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) to hopefully get that [bill passed] as soon as possible," said Gov. Ralph DLG Torres in a news briefing yesterday morning. "Knowing that the U.S. Senate has passed [the bill] earlier, I am very hopeful that…the U.S. Senate [will] move forward [with the bill] very expeditiously."


N. MARIANA ISLANDS TRANSITIONAL WORKER PERMITS
DEL. GREGORIO SABLAN
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Saipan, Rota, Tinian & the Northern Islands
U.S. House

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) manages the U.S. Workforce Act during debate on the floor of the House of Representatives yesterday. The bill passed the House and now goes to the Senate, where virtually identical legislation has already been approved by unanimous consent.

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The U.S. House passed U.S. Rep. Rob Bishop's (R-UT) H.R. 5956 during a session in the nation's capital. H.R. 5956 is co-sponsored by Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP).

The bill is an identical version of a U.S. Senate bill that was deemed unconstitutional after the U.S. Senate amended it to include an anti-fraud fee, deemed a revenue-generating provision. Only the U.S. House may introduce legislation that contains revenue-generating properties, according to the U.S. Constitution. Murkowski championed the bill, which was S. 2325.

H.R. 5956 bumps up the number of slots for the foreign worker program, called CW-1, for fiscal year 2019 to 13,000; give longer CW permits for workers who have been continuously employed in the CNMI since 2015; and extend the program's sunset provision to 2029.

Torres explained that while there

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IN MISSING TOURIST'S RENTAL CAR

'No sign of struggle or foul play'

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There was no sign of a struggle or foul play in the abandoned car that had been rented by missing Chinese tourist Zhi Qiao, according to Rota Department of Public Safety's Lt. Jarrod Manglona.

In phone interview yesterday, Manglona disclosed that the car was unlocked and the key was inside when a police officer found it abandoned at the East Harbor last

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Muña: Nurses' morale remains high

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The morale of all CW-1 staff of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., especially that of its staff nurses, remains high, assured chief executive officer Esther L. Muña, as they are optimistic that a U.S. bill that would extend their stay in the Commonwealth, H.R. 5956, would become law before fiscal year 2018 ends in Sept. 30.

Muña

H.R. 5956, which aims to extend the CNMI-Only worker visa program, passed the U.S. House of Representatives on Tuesday.

The bill hopes to extend the program by 10 more years and increase the number of available foreign worker slots to 13,000.

Muña said they always inform their staff of what steps are being done to ensure that they remain in the CNMI.

"We communicate with our staff. We're letting them know that we're providing them with the

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SNILD allocates $120K for LibDay fest

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The Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation has set aside $120,000 for the Saipan Mayor's Office to be used for the staging of the upcoming Liberation Day festival in July.

During the Liberation Day committee's weekly meeting yesterday at the Saipan Mayor's Office, Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang announced that the local delegation has appro-

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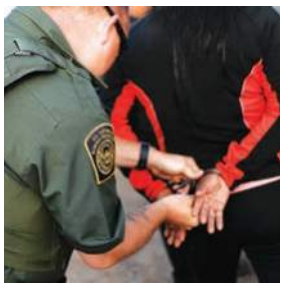

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ONE MARIANAS INITIATIVE

Docomo Pacific donates $25,000 to CHCC

From left are Brent Deleon Guerrero, brand coordinator; Clinton Dela Cruz, marketing coordinator; Joe Torres, enterprise manager; Pauline Johnson, assistant general manager, all from Docomo Pacific; Bel Bulsby, acting IT director, CHCC; Dino Manning, vice president/general manager, Docomo Pacific; Gov. Ralph DLG Torres; Dr. David Grauman, chief of staff; Jesse Tudela, director of Hospital Services; Esther Muña, chief executive officer, all from the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.; Kevin McCale, account executive, Docomo Pacific; Rep. Ivan Blanco; Sen. Jude Hofschneider; Liezl Balan, director and deputy general manager CNMI; Conrad Sablan, store manager; James Hofman, chief legal officer; and Christian Camacho, field manager, all from Docomo Pacific.

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Esther Muña, chief executive officer of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., can recall a time, barely three years ago, when the limited availability and high cost of undersea cable bandwidth meant that physicians who tried to send large digital files like MRI scans to off-island experts frequently had to wait several hours—if it worked at all.

Today, healthcare in the CNMI took a major step forward, as Docomo Pacific officially launched it's "One Marianas Initiative" with a $250,000 gift to CHCC to develop and maintain an Electronic Health Records system for patient care.

This donation will allow residents of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota to more easily share their treatment history, test results, and other medical information with specialists outside of Micronesia.

Muña said that one of the biggest challenges CHCC has is "ensuring that we have a system that works. I want to thank Docomo Pacific for being there and presenting us with this significant contribution. The cooperation and collaboration between the government and Docomo really benefits us at CHCC."

» In first of three-part investment in health, education, safety

Dino Manning, general manager of Docomo Pacific CNMI, said that real-time medical consultations and remote diagnoses that depend on the power of reliable, high-speed internet have become critical, cost-effective ways of treating patients, especially those who live far from off island medical facilities.

"We are very happy to contribute our resources to help CHCC move forward with its mission of serving our island communities' healthcare needs," Manning added.

Yesterday's donation to CHCC follows last year's installment of Atisa, a state-of-the-art submarine fiber-optic cable connecting Guam with Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

To date, Docomo Pacific has invested over $26 million in Atisa, which will modernize and expand fixed and mobile networks in the CNMI.

Docomo Pacific's One Marianas Initiative is part of a public-private partnership between Docomo Pacific and the CNMI government. For its part, the CNMI has pledged $3 million to help defray the cost of landing Atisa on Tinian and Rota.

Jonathan Kriegel, president and CEO of Docomo Pacific, said this long-term community investment by Docomo Pacific "is a tangible symbol of our commitment to our islands' future. It is also a gesture of gratitude to the CNMI's leaders in both government and private business. "

Kriegel particularly cited the strong support of former governor Inos, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, Lt. Gov. Victor Hocog, Senate President Arnold Palacios, Sen. Jude Hofschneider, and Reps. Angel Demapan and Ivan Blanco.

Following the installation of Atisa in June of last year, Docomo Pacific announced its commitment to the One Marianas Initiative—a five-year program of significant community investments in the areas of healthcare, education, and public safety in the CNMI. Donations to the Public School System and the Department of Public Safety will be announced in coming weeks.

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BOE student rep takes aim at teen mental health

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CNMI State Board of Education student representative Pionnah Rosej Gregorio, fifth left, joins her parents and other education officials after being sworn in yesterday at the BOE office on Capital Hill.

CNMI State Board of Education student representative Pionnah Rosej Gregorio believes mental health issues of teenagers should be addressed with a support group composed of her peers and the guidance of adults in the community.

"It needs to be addressed. It needs to be discussed and talked about inside the classrooms," Gregorio told *Saipan Tribune* in yesterday's swearing-in ceremony at the BOE office's conference room on Capital Hill.

Gregorio, an incoming senior at Marianas High School, will be representing the more than 10,000 incoming students in the elementary, and junior and senior high schools throughout the Commonwealth.

She plans to have the issue on the agenda of a student summit that she plans to organize with the other leaders of schools in the CNMI. "We're going to plan a big summit where students will be involved and I want that issue to be addressed."

Planning to address the mental health issues of her fellow teens is close to Gregorio's heart—she plans to take up psychology as one of the three career options when she pursues a college degree after graduating next year.

The CNMI was rocked by two incidents of teenagers taking their lives and Gregorio knows it is a sensitive issue that also needs to be addressed. "It is not going to be hidden anymore. "For the rest of the school year, it needs to be brought up."

"If possible, there should be a club or committee for that to address this issue—a committee that would handle the issue where students can talk about their feelings and what they're going through."

She wants her fellow students to feel that they are not alone. "I want students to feel that they have a support group, that there's somebody there for them, a support system [in place]."

Student summit

Gregorio wants the student summit to be held at the beginning of the school year since that is when morale is high, as many of her peers are both excited and optimistic for the school year.

"I want to be their student leader and at the same time we want to talk about the planned activities for the students and to work with other people. I want it at the beginning, not the middle or latter part of the school year," said Gregorio. "I want the students to be motivated for the rest of the school year. Maybe, educate them about events like the Close Up and [the Junior State of America] so that students are aware of these programs and the opportunities that are around them."

She added that she would go to all schools to meet with the different student councils on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. "There's going to be three different meetings on Saipan—Kagman, Marianas, and Saipan Southern high schools."

"I want to talk to them and really want their voices to be heard. I want to make sure that students' voices will be heard, that all their concerns are going to be brought up and and known to the board and other officials. That's my main priority."

"Even if I know that it is going to be hard to do, we could make a compromise. I'm willing to make changes in the school system and really excited for the coming school year to work with other people, the board, and the student councils."

Political science and any degree in the field of mathematics are Gregorio's two other options. She is looking to attend any of the campuses of the University of California or any college in the east coast, particularly in Massachusetts.

"I just recently visited [Washington] D.C. and I liked the lifestyle there. But I'm also willing to consider other states as options. Anyway, I still have to go over my plans this summer."

Messages

BOE chair MaryLou S. Ada, vice chair Janice A. Tenorio, board member Herman T. Guerrero, teacher representative Paul Miura, and CNMI State Public School System interim commissioner Glenn Muña all look forward to working with Gregorio.

"We're all equal here when you sit in this table. You may have no voting power but your voice is strong and we listen to each other. There are times when we argue, but that's because were trying to resolve issues. After that, we're all friends and family," said Ada.

"We're looking forward for you in being part of the team," was Tenorio's short message.

Guerrero told Gregorio that she's welcome to express her views and comments on issues that would affect students like her. "You also hear from parents and bring it to the attention of the board or the commissioner. [The commissioner] is here to listen. Do not hesitate to voice your concerns during board meetings. We're here to formulate policies and we want to hear comments from all sides. Don't think that your voice is of no significance."

Miura, who has been the teacher representative for almost two years, told Gregorio that everything that happens in their board meetings are intended to improve the outcome and wellbeing of students.

Muña said that Gregorio would be taking the lead for her peers in working closely with the board. "I invite you to reach out to your peers, conduct surveys, and meet with them to her their concerns."

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SPECIAL BOARD MEETING NOTICE

MARIANAS VISITORS AUTHORITY

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, the Marianas Visitors Authority hereby gives notice that a **Special Board of Directors Meeting** will be held on **Friday, June 8, 2018, at 2:00 p.m.** in the MVA Conference Room, San Jose Professional Building Saipan, MP 96950.

MEETING AGENDA

1) **Preliminary Matters**
   1. Call to Order
   2. Roll Call
   3. Adoption of Agenda

2) **Executive Session**

3) **New Business**
   1. Airline Joint Promotion
   2. FY2017 Audit Report

4) **Miscellaneous/Announcements**
5) **Adjournment**

/s/ Gloria Cavanagh
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Filing of candidacy starts July 9

July 9 is the beginning of the filing of nominating petitions and candidacy for the Nov. 6 general election, according to Commonwealth Election Commission executive director Julita A. Villagomez.

She reminded those who want to run for public office this November that government employees who will be candidates will have to take a leave of absence once they are certified.

Elected officials, however, are not required to take a leave once CEC certifies them as candidates.

Villagomez said many usually file their candidacy at the last minute because most of them are government employees.

Aug. 8 is the last day of submission of nominating petitions and candidacy.

For those running for governor and lieutenant governor, the nominating petitions require at least 200 signatures and a $500 fee.

For senator, Villagomez said, the required signatures are 5 percent of the total the number of voters or 100, whichever is less, and a fee of $250.

For the House of Representatives, it's 5 percent or 50, whichever is less, and a fee of $100.

U.S. delegate and attorney general candidates have to produce 200 signatures and a $500 fee.

For mayor, municipal council, and Board of Education candidates, they need 5 percent signatures or 100, whichever is less. Mayoral candidates are required to pay a $250 fee, while municipal council and Board of Education candidates have to pay $100.

CEC said any recognized political party may nominate candidates by having its chairperson and secretary certify to CEC the names of the party's candidates by Aug. 8.

CEC said the certification must accompany the nominating petitions. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Rota physicians want suit reinstated

Two Rota physicians want the CNMI Supreme Court to reverse a Superior Court ruling that dismissed their lawsuit against the Rota Health Center and the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. to collect $635,187 in benefits.

Drs. Francois Claassens and James Toskas, through their lawyer, Stephen J. Nutting, notified the Superior Court on Tuesday about their appeal.

Claassens and Toskas are seeking a ruling from the high court to reverse Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho's dismissal of their case.

In his decision last May 24, Camacho has found that the two doctors gave themselves extra hours without the necessary signatures and authorizations.

Camacho dismissed the doctors' claims of breach of contract and quantum meruit.

Quantum meruit determines the amount to be paid for services when no contract exists or when there is doubt as to the amount due for the work performed, but done under circumstances when payment could be expected.

Camacho said that no one with authority signed a contract amendment to authorize Claassens and Toskas to receive additional compensation for working extra hours—as required by their contracts.

Citing the contracts governing the two doctors' employment at RHC, Camacho said that claiming quantum meruit is not called for since there is nothing on the record to support the existence of an implied term in the employment contract related to excess hour worked.

In their lawsuit filed in September 2017, Claassens is demanding payment of $308,000 for all administrative leave, while Toskas is seeking payment of $327,187 for all administrative leave.

The two alleged that RHC and CHCC failed to compensate them for thousands of hours of administrative leave.

RHC and CHCC, through assistant Office of the Attorney General Civil Division chief Christopher M. Timmons, moved to dismiss the lawsuit.

Timmons described the two physicians' claims to support their collection of $635,187 in benefits as a "sweetheart backroom deal."

The lawyer of the two physicians, Nutting, said the court should find the contracts to be legal and enforceable because the director of Office of Personnel Management approved the terms at the time of initial employment and subsequently approved the terms during the renewal process. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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priated a portion of the poker gaming revenue tax to the Liberation Day festivities.

"The whole intent [of the $120,000 that was appropriated by the local delegation] is to use it for the Liberation [Day festival]," he said.

For now, the committee can only use $64,000 of that $120,000.

"…What they [SNILD] did is they broke down the $3 [million and also allocated it to] other agencies…we can only get $64,000 out of that right now. That's all the available funding that's coming in from the poker revenue," said Apatang.

For now, that funding from the poker gaming revenue tax is the only source of funding that the committee can tap into, he said.

"We are still waiting for the remaining balance so we can use it for the rest of the activities here…It will come in as soon as we get available funding from the poker revenue," Apatang said.

Fortunately, Apatang and the committee are already looking for alternate funding sources, with an eye toward hosting the best possible Liberation Day festival.

"I approached [the Marianas Visitors Authority] yesterday and they helped us out a little bit…but we are going to check with the [Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands] for help and see if they can help us out a little bit more," he said.

The Liberation Day queen competition is also a fundraiser for the festival, with the candidate raising the most money, through ticket sales, being named the Liberation Day queen.

The festivities will start on June 29 and will lead up to the Liberation Day parade on July 4. The festivities will be held at the Garapan Fishing Base.

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April 5 at about 1am.

Manglona said 27-year-old Qiao rented the Toyota Yaris from Islander Rent A Car last April 4 and that he was set to return it the following day.

He said the car was not due for return when it was found.

Manglona said one of their regular duty officers was doing a routine patrol when he saw the vehicle parked at the East Harbor in Songsong.

"When the officer came across the car, it was unlocked or unsecured and there was no occupant in the car and in the area," Manglona said.

The lieutenant said they checked the airlines, but there was no record that indicates that Qiao took a flight out of Rota.

He said they also looked into the seaport, but that, according to the two boats that came in, they did not take any passengers.

Manglona said they have no information whether or not Qiao checked into a hotel upon his arrival on Rota.

Manglona said they forwarded all the information about Qiao to the Fusion Center and they also subsequently alerted U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents on Guam and Saipan about the matter.

He said DPS Saipan is also following up on the complaint filed by Qiao's father.

Manglona said he and other officers on Rota have not met the parents yet.

"Anyone who has seen him [Qiao] may pass along the information to Crime Stoppers or the DPS Saipan itself or the Rota DPS at 532-9433," Manglona said.

While the rental car was found abandoned on Rota last April 5, it was only last May 22 when the parents flew to Saipan from China to look for their son. The father reported the matter to DPS Saipan last May 30.

The DPS Saipan information office released the information about the missing tourist to the media last Monday.

The parents told police that Qiao left China alone last March 6 for vacation on Saipan. Upon his arrival on Saipan, he checked in at the GT Guest House in Garapan and checked out on April 4.

The parents said their son notified them that he was going to Rota on April 4 and that it was their last communication with him.

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are no specific priorities for securing CW slots per profession, he said the 13,000 cap should be sufficient for the denied permits of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., which reportedly only got one CW permit approved for the fiscal year.

"…Knowing the fact that we are at 9,998 now and opening [those slots] up, we are now able to accommodate the nurses and engineers," he said. "We are a lot better than 9,998 and 4,999 this coming October. I think it is a number we can definitely live on."

Torres urges those affected by the CW cap to "continue to remain patient" as the bill moves through U.S. Congress.

"We've fought for long-term status, and we will continue to do that. This [bill] I hope gives stability to families [because] when you have stability in our families, then our economy would have more stability as well," he said.

In a statement, Sablan said that, without the bicameral and bipartisan working group, the bill would not have been able to get through Congress.

"By listening to each other, and because we share a common concern to better the lives of Americans—even Americans in the far-away Marianas—we succeeded in agreeing on this second bill, the U.S. Workforce Act," he said.

"I believe my constituents' needs are well-represented, because the legislation has the full support of the Marianas governor and Legislature, of the business community, and of the men and women who meet and talk with me in everyday life," said Sablan.

'Very very good news'

Rep. Angel A. Demapan (R-Saipan) said yesterday that, based on his conversations last week, the CNMI leadership was aware that the bill would garner unanimous consent. He did not specify whom he talked with about the bill.

"We are happy that [the bill's unanimous passage] has finally happened, and we are grateful to the congressional offices that we were working with. We look forward to the U.S. Senate moving this swiftly," he said, adding that the bill was just a U.S. House version of the previously introduced S. 2325.

Demapan remains confident that U.S. President Donald J. Trump would support the bill as well, based on "communications with the White House."

"[The White House is] very well aware of the challenges we are facing. Gov. Torres has had direct conversations with the president on this issue, so we are very optimistic that this would go through. It is just a matter of time," he said.

Senate President Arnold I. Palacios (R-Saipan) remains just as confident with the passage of H.R. 5956 through the U.S. Senate.

"The U.S. Senate passed the same bill," said Palacios. He added that the unanimous approval of the U.S. House is a good sign and that the U.S. Senate unanimously supported S. 2325, which is the exact same bill.

Posts on social media soon after the bill sailed through the U.S. House unanimously gave thanks for its passage.

NURSES

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support," said Muña. "That's what is important right now. You can see that the morale has not really gone low. …[We] let them know that everything is being done to make them stay."

She added that all of the hospital's 111 nurses who were not included in the lottery system implemented by U.S. Citizenship Immigration Services in awarding work permits want to remain.

"They [nurses] don't want to leave. [Like] Susan [De Vera], this is her second home. She's still CW1 but she's also getting processed. Every CW1 [staff] at CHCC is being processed," said Muña. "As I was explaining to someone, it is the financial situation of CHCC [and] the struggles of the CMS (Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services) certification that has caused us to delay these [employee-based] visas. Now that we're in a better position, getting them a more permanent status has been our top priority."

She added that finances had always been one of their issues. "It does cost money… We've gone over other hurdles and now this is basically our top priority. To have our nurses get a permanent status."

Nurses in the hospital ward are the most affected by the current CW1 cap. "This is a critical department. That's our major operations since they work 24/7. Imagine if they will be missing."

Exhausting all efforts

Muña said they remain optimistic with the bill's chances of becoming law before fiscal year 2019 begins on Oct. 1. "We're excited for the passing of H.R. 5956. But we're also looking at other things. A lot of other options. We have some resources that we're going to make sure to make them come back, whatever happens. [This was] the desire expressed by the staff. If the bill becomes a law or not, we want them to come back."

She said that they are not going to stop transitioning CW1 visa holders to H1-B visas. "There are two pathways, the employee-based visas and the CW1. This [CW1] is unstable and the other one takes a while."

"We're excited for the bill's passing and this is one step closer to help the hospital's needs. We're trying to ensure our nurses to have H1Bs. [But] right now, their CWs are expiring on Sept. 30. If the bill is not passed, they would have to leave."

"Basically, whatever happens with the bill, this month, we're going to make a decision and they too will be making a decision whether they would stay and wait," said Muña.

"They want assurance that there are things going on and something is being done. And so far, from my conversations from a lot of nurses, they trust and are very optimistic with [Gov. Ralph DLG Torres] and [Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan] supporting the bill."

"They [nurses] are optimistic that something is going to happen. It is important since they are providing patient care. You want them to remain in a positive mood and not worried about their status when they are taking care of our patients."

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Bill extending Guam's H-2B visa cap exemption OK'd

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo (D-GU) announced yesterday that the U.S. House of Representatives has passed H.R. 5956, the Northern Mariana Islands U.S. Workforce Act of 2018, which includes language that would extend Guam's exemption from the national H-2B visa caps until 2029. A similar bill, S. 2325, was passed by the Senate on April 23, 2018. Bordallo cosponsored the earlier version of this bill (H.R.4869) and secured similar provisions for Guam in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (H.R.5515), passed by the House on May 24, 2018. "This [bill] is important to ensure that our local companies have access to H-2B laborers when our local workforce is unable to meet our island's needs. I continue working in Congress to address Guam's labor shortage, including in this year's national defense bill. I look forward to seeing these important pieces of legislation signed into law by the President." ***(PR)***

Scheduled power interruption today

There will be a scheduled power interruption today, June 7, from 9am to 1pm to allow Commonwealth Utilities Corp. linemen to relocate three spans of primary lines and pole hardware to an adjacent location such that existing underground wastewater lines beneath these distribution lines can be accessible for repair. Power service to Chalan Kiya will be affected but not water wells. The W-5 wastewater lift station affecting the Chalan Laulau Middle Road, As Terlaje, San Jose, and Oleai areas will be affected. For more information, contact the CUC Customer Call Center at 664-4282. ***(PR)***

Indian, Japanese, U.S. forces to take part in Exercise Malabar

Naval ships, aircraft and personnel from India, Japan, and the United States will participate in Exercise Malabar 2018, in midsummer 2018 off the coast of Guam. The exercise will feature both ashore and at-sea training off the coast of Guam in the Philippine Sea. Malabar 2018 is the first time the exercise has been conducted off the coast of Guam, and the latest in a continuing series of exercises that has grown in scope and complexity over the years to address the variety of shared threats to maritime security. Training will focus on high-end warfighting skillsets, subject matter expert and professional exchanges, combined carrier strike group operations, maritime patrol and reconnaissance operations, surface and anti-submarine warfare, medical operations, damage control, helicopter operations and visit, board, search and seizure operations. ***(PR)***

Pacific Fleet Band to perform in Guam

ASAN, Guam—The public is invited to free performances by the U.S. Pacific

Fleet Band's contemporary music group, Big Wave, on:

■ June 7: 9:30am, Tamuning Senior Citizens Center; 2:30pm, at the Dededo Senior Citizens Center

■ June 8: Noon at Micronesia Mall's center court in Dededo; 5pm at Guam Premier Outlets' food court in Tamuning

The band, based out of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, is under the operational control of the U.S. Pacific Fleet. The band is dedicated to providing top quality music and entertainment in support of the U.S. Navy's retention and recruiting programs, and for internal and external public relations. ***(PR)***

Summer hours at JKPL

The Joeten-Kiyu Public Library will be implementing summer hours from Tuesday, June 12, to Saturday, Aug. 4, 2018. The library hours will be as follows: Tuesday-Friday, 9am-5:30pm, Saturday, 9am-4pm, and closed Sundays, Mondays, and holidays. For the latest news and events, visit the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library's website at www.cnmilib.org and like and/or follow JKPL's Facebook page, @joeten kiyu. Call the library at 670-235-7322/23 for questions/concerns. ***(PR)***

Military training at FDM, Warning Area 517

ASAN, Guam—The U.S. military will conduct training at Farallon de Medinilla until June 7, from 10am to 11pm. The military will also conduct training at Warning Area 517 on June 9, from 5pm to 10pm. It is recommended the public, fishermen and marine tour operators monitor the Coast Guard broadcast notice to mariners for advisories.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla will be in a 12-nautical mile radius of the island.

W-517 is activated south of latitude 12° 40' 00"N. Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Banks are open for public use. W-517 begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters. ***(PR)***

OIA provides $25K for center that supports FAS migrants

WASHINGTON—The Office of Insular Affairs announced this week $250,000 in funding support for the *We are Oceania Hālau Ola* One-Stop Center in Hawaii.

The center provides information and services to migrants from the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau, also known as the freely associated states.

"We are now in the fourth year of this Office of Insular Affairs initiative to support the governments of Hawaii and Guam, as they struggle with costs related to serving FAS migrants," said Doug Domenech, U.S. Department of the Interior Assistant Secretary for Insular and International Affairs. "We would like to see *We are Oceania* become its own self-sufficient 501(c)(3) program so that it may continue on its own to serve and strengthen Micronesian families in Hawaii into the future."

The One-Stop Center initiative was first put forth by Micronesian community leaders as a way to help Micronesians in Hawaii and it has received wide-ranging support from within the community, said OIA director Nik Pula. "We would encourage other partners to step forward in providing assistance to this very impactful organization."

A total of $250,000 is provided for the *We are Oceania* program that has helped more than 5,600 individuals in Hawaii who have sought assistance in the areas of health, education, employment, child welfare services, legal, public assistance, housing, social security, taxes, and more.

Fiscal year 2018 funds are to be used to provide continued services and to help WAO transition to 501(c)(3) status, build internal organizational capacity, and cultivate partnerships with FAS governments and organizations in the islands. Funding for WAO is provided through the Office of Insular Affairs' Technical Assistance Program to the Partners in Development Foundation in Hawaii. ***(PR)***

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UOG professors head to Yap, Pohnpei to teach classes

MANGILAO, Guam—Faculty from the University of Guam's School of Education will soon head to the Federated States of Micronesia to help aspiring and practicing teachers in the islands earn bachelor's degrees in education.

Starting on June 11, the faculty will spend three weeks on the island of Yap and five weeks on Pohnpei.

Each of the four faculty members will be teaching two courses based on the needs of the students.

The courses are part of the School of Education's two regional partnership programs—the Partnership BA Program in Elementary Education, which provides coursework for associate degree holders toward a Bachelor of Arts in elementary education, and the Individualized Degree Plan, which also provides coursework for practicing teachers toward a bachelor's in elementary education. Courses for the partnership program are taught on the College of Micronesia-FSM Palikir campus in Pohnpei, whereas the courses for the individualized program are taught on school campuses in Yap, Chuuk, and Kosrae.

The two programs fulfill a mission of the university to provide access to degree courses to regional students.

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Each summer, the University of Guam School of Education and the College of Micronesia host two regional partnership programs to help teachers in Micronesia earn bachelor's degrees in elementary education. UOG professor of education Dr. Dean Olah, center, is shown with a College of Micronesia cohort in Palikir, Pohnpei in 2017.

"Our regional programs have trained a large number of teachers who often travel by boat from other islands, sometimes hundreds of miles away, to attend courses during the summer months only to return to their islands and teach for another year," said Dr. Michelle Santos, interim dean for the School of Education.

The programs have been ongoing since 2007 and 1980, respectively, with nearly 100 bachelor's degrees conferred. The students are required to meet the same standards as teacher candidates attending the UOG.

Traveling to Yap this summer will be UOG School of Education professors Dr. Suzanne Bells, Dr. Mary Jane Miller, and Dr. Evelyn Doman. Dr. Dean Olah will be teaching courses on Pohnpei.

The courses taught vary each summer, depending on the students who can attend and the coursework they need. This summer's courses include methods courses in math, science, fine arts, and P.E. and health along with technology education and practicum courses.

The in-service and future teachers of the programs will be preparing students to meet workforce needs throughout the region, according to Bells, who started with the regional programs in the summer of 2013 with a teaching assignment on Yap.

"These are future politicians, future parents, future government workers," she said.

Bells also emphasized the program's role in forming global citizens without compromising cultural identity. Additionally, she said an informed community can contribute to reducing crime and addressing social issues.

Hallers

Some graduates become part of the university's regional efforts. Sylvia Henry, for one, graduated from UOG under the partnership program with a bachelor's in elementary education. She now serves as the College of Micronesia's coordinator for the Partnership BA Program and as a part-time instructor for the university.

Another, Magdalena Hallers, received her bachelor's and master's degrees in special education from UOG and is now a professor of education at the College of Micronesia campus in Pohnpei. Hallers was also recognized as a UOG School of Education Distinguished Alumna. ***(UOG)***

Kilili: $2.1M to CUC for Soudelor recovery

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Federal funding to aid the Marianas in long-term recovery from Typhoon Soudelor continues with a grant of $2,126,487.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) announced the funding yesterday, saying the Federal Emergency Management Agency provides the money directly to the Commonwealth government, which then distributes it to the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.

"These funds are a reimbursement of what CUC has already spent to pay for the repairs to Power Plants 1, 2, and 4," Sablan said. "The federal funding represents 90 percent of the total cost. The Commonwealth is responsible for the remaining 10 percent."

Typhoon Soudelor struck the Marianas in August 2015. Since then, federal assistance from FEMA has totaled over $37 million for public infrastructure and $25 million to individuals and households.

The funding is provided under authority of Section 406 of the Robert T. Stafford Act. ***(PR)***

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-18-011

GUALO RAI WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Construction of Gualo Rai Waterline Replacement in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project consists, in general installation of a new main waterline and lateral service line; connection to the existing waterline; installation of gate valve assembly, PRV and PSV, flush hydrants, air release valves, fire hydrant assembly; existing lateral service tap relocation; restoration of existing asphalt concrete road; and other related work. The work shall be done in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications and without disruption to the daily operation of the water system.

This project is funded by a grant from the United Sates of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the approval for project award from USEPA.

CUC requires the Project to be completed in **365 calendar** days from date of award of contract.

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $200.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on **June 21, 2018 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-IFB-18-011, Gualo Rai Water Line Replacement Project",** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on July 10, 2018,** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. **Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.**

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A *Bid Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The bid guarantee may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States, Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidder. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

All bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on June 25, 2018** to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer, via email – manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Mr. Larry Manacop, CUC Water/Wastewater Associate Engineer – via email larry.manacop@cucgov.org and Ms. Christie Sablan, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Support Assistant – via email christie.sablan@cucgov.org

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

GARY CAMACHO
Executive Director

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Purchasing Officer

UTILITY NEWS

Water outage in As Terlaje, Fina Sisu, As Lito

There will be a scheduled water service interruption on Saturday, June 9, from 8am to 5pm in the following areas:

- Rasmu Lane (El Toro), As Terlaje
- Chalan Tun Apa, Fina Sisu
- West side areas of As Lito (Faha Place, Bayak Drive and Aplok Drive)

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s contractor, AIC Marianas Inc., will be eliminating the concrete valve vault, pipe and fittings on the existing 14-inch water distribution main line. After the eliminating process, a new pipe spool will be installed on the main line. Therefore, the water supply will be required to be temporarily terminated to perform the installation. As a result of the new installation, a more reliable water system will be provided to the community. Regular water service hours will resume soon after.

This project is part of the Northern Marianas College 1.0 MG tank replacement project and funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. ***(PR)***

Water outage in San Vicente

There will be a scheduled water service interruption on Wednesday, June 13, from 8am to 5pm for the San Vicente area, specifically for customers residing in the following streets: Katupat Drive, Bentana Drive, Laulau Bay Drive, Hotdu Drive and the lower portion of Katbon Road.

The purpose of the water service interruption is to allow Commonwealth Utilities Corp. personnel to perform repairs and overhauls of old fittings on the existing 4-inch pressure reducing valve. As a result of the replacement and overhaul, a more reliable water system will be provided to the community. Customers in the affected areas should expect restoration of water services soon after.

For more information, contact the CUC Customer Call Center (664-4282) or monitor our Facebook page for the latest updates (https://www.facebook.com/CommonwealthUtilitiesCorporation/). ***(PR)***

JRM to participate in Citadel Pacific

ASAN, Guam—Joint Region Marianas installations, U.S. Naval Base Guam, and Andersen Air Force Base will participate in Exercise Citadel Pacific 2018 on June 11-15.

This annual exercise is designed to enhance the training, readiness and capability of U.S. Navy security forces to respond to threats to Navy installations and units.

Exercise Citadel Pacific 2018 is not in response to any specific threat, but is a regularly scheduled exercise.

Measures have been taken to minimize disruptions to normal base operations, but there may be times when the exercise causes increased traffic around bases or delays in base access. Area residents may also see increased security activity associated with the exercise.

The Trusted Traveler program—a program that authorizes Department of Defense ID card holders to escort guests onto NBG—may be suspended during the exercise. All vehicle occupants will be required to provide an approved base access credential. Expect delays at the main gate for NBG and Andersen AFB due to temporary gate closures as part of the exercise.

As part of the exercise, the Giant Voice systems on both installations will be activated, and residents in surrounding areas of the GV speakers will hear exercise announcements regarding force protection conditions throughout the week. The use of the GV system adds realism to the exercise. ***(PR)***

Zoning board gives New Century the green light

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After a lengthy public hearing, the Commonwealth Zoning board approved Monday night the conditional use application of New Century Hotel LLC to take over the three-story Sebastian Building in Tanapag Village and convert it into a hotel.

The application gained both support and opposition from Tanapag residents.

In written comments, the office of Zoning administrator Therese T. Ogumoro said that New Century's application "is not entirely compatible with the immediate surrounding uses in terms of overall use characteristics."

The Sebastian Building is right across the Tanapag Middle School, with the soon-to-be built Saipan Garden Resort of Hong Kong-based American Sinopan LLC just in front, along Chalan Pale Arnold.

The board, voting 3-0, approved New Century's application. Those who were in favor of the application were acting chair Mariano Taitano, secretary Jose Ayuyu Jr., and member Patrick V. Reyes.

Board chair Diego C. Blanco was off-island, while member Joel C. Camacho, who is running for one of the two House seats in Precinct 4, excused himself since the Sebastian Building is owned by his grandfather, David Camacho.

Ogumuro's Zoning comment stated that any development must be compatible with existing or allowable uses of adjacent properties as stated in CNMI zoning laws. "This project's compatibility is relative to the recently permitted resort development, which is situated directly across from the east of Chalan Pale Arnold."

The unpredictable volume of vehicles, vans and buses, and the nature of activity in the planned hotel project is also not compatible to its surroundings that include the Tanapag Middle School, American Sinopan's hotel, and the residential neighborhood, she said.

The Zoning administrator said, though, that their staff recommends approving the conditional use application if the board see fit New Century's bid to occupy the abandoned facility.

Different views

Tanapag residents who were given a chance to speak were split, with some supporting the project, while others voicing opposition due to the proximity to the school and other areas like the youth center and basketball court.

Ignacia Evangelista, a longtime resident of Tanapag, opposes the project since it is right across the school. "Let's keep in mind the safety of the kids, the students, and residents because of the expected traffic congestion."

"No matter what the traffic analysis says, it is different from reality. The project is not compatible with our surroundings. We have a basketball court, the youth center, the [Natibu Sports Association] building that caters to the youth."

She pointed out that the Zoning board has already approved two hotel projects in one year.

"And now we are accommodating another in our village? You approved a bed-and-breakfast for 18 units with 20 parking spaces. Now the proposed [project] is 48 units with 36 parking spaces. …We don't want this."

Sheila Babauta, who is running as an independent bet for one of two seats in Precinct 4, questioned setting up a hotel in the village. "For many years it was an apartment building. Right now, we are experiencing a high demand for apartment units. I wonder if the board asked the developer why they felt the need to turn the building into a hotel.

JON PEREZ

The Sebastian commercial building is seen right across the Tanapag Middle School where a developer is looking to convert the three-story facility into a 48-room hotel.

We have a high demand for apartment units. And we don't know what would be the impact of the traffic analysis."

Bud White, who is also a village resident, said they have a petition that was started by Tiara Evangelista. "We have been circulating a petition in paper and on the internet and about 270 have signed up. I know the developer has spent money…but this is not the right thing to do since it is across the school."

Tiara Evangelista said the petition is legitimate and she started it about seven hours before the public hearing. "We have our reasons why we are opposed to the project and I am sorry that some who signed the petition weren't able to come here at such a short notice."

Supporters of the project, like Benigno Magofna Sablan, said he sees the business activity that would result from the project. "I'm a senior member of the village and I am in support of the proposal. I really wanted to see community enhancement through all of the business activities. …I urge you to approve the investment opportunity in our village."

Rep. Alice Igito (R-Saipan), who is running for re-election in Precinct 4, expressed her support in a letter read by Tanapag Community Enhancement Association official Juan I. Tenorio.

She said the property opened in 1990 as a commercial building that was an apartment, grocery store, Laundromat, and a poker game room. "The CNMI economy was booming in the 1990s so the businesses operations at the building was busy. The traffic was extra busy since the poker room was operated for 24 hours, seven days a week."

"The proposed transformation of the Sebastian Building into the New Century Hotel for 48 rooms will not in any way cause traffic congestion that will hamper the daily operations of the Tanapag Middle School, the Tanapag village, the [other] villages in the north, and other businesses in the area."

"I further believe that the proposed hotel project will definitely provide employment opportunity to the residents, most especially those with transportation problems, contribute to social events in the village, and perhaps educational support to the middle school."

Jonathan Camacho, whose grandfather owns the property, questioned the legitimacy of the petition and asked why most of the people who signed it are not present at the meeting. "There's about 290 that have signed the petition but most of the people are unaware of what's going on in the meeting."

"I don't see more than 200 here. If this petition is truly [legitimate], there are only 10 who are [opposed to the project]. If people don't want development for this small hotel to be built, [then] stand up. I don't see that much."

Former Precinct 4 representative George Camacho said he supports the project. "I'm also a resident of Tanapag. …I'm no traffic expert but I don't see the hotel proposal to be devastating. Garapan Elementary School is surrounded by hotels."

"Traffic happens usually after school and it won't be a big thing. This was a former poker arcade and, given a choice of a hotel that is lit at night and spruced up, I take the small hotel with 48 rooms any day rather than have a dilapidated building."

Rep. Vinnie Sablan (Ind-Saipan), who is running for senator in this year's elections, supported the planned development and the property is listed as village commercial. "I leave it up to the board to decide. I do really hope their [investor] partnership with the community won't be a one-time thing but it would continue to benefit both.

Community involvement

Tony Muña, a consultant of the investor, assured that traffic won't be a problem since their expected guests would be arriving during non-peak hours. "As to the project itself, it will be located not within the village itself but along Chalan Pale Arnold Road. By hotel standards, it is a small one.

"It will not be intrusive to the everyday goings-on in Tanapag village… It will have 48 rooms and 36 vehicle parking spaces. The traffic is during non-peak hours as package tours guests will be bused in from the airport to the hotel. They would arrive at the hotel between 1:30pm to 6:30pm. The departure would be from 11pm and 5:30am."

He added the investor is also committed to helping Tanapag through community projects. "New Century recognizes that and is willing to make contributions to maintain or improve the quality of life of Tanapag residents and be a good business resident of the village."

He pointed out that New Century has already sponsored or made a contribution to the local baseball team and they would do it annually. They are also willing to renovate and maintain the village's basketball court, while also building spectators seats. Docomo Pacific's antennae would remain on top of the building so it won't disrupt the cellular and internet services.

Jingco: A bright future beckons us

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The theme for this year's graduation rites at the Dr. Rita Hocog Inos Junior/Senior High School was, "The fireworks begin today."

Class valedictorian Mary Heather Baladad Jingco took inspiration from that in her valedictory speech. She exhorted her fellow graduates: "Every diploma is a lighted match. Each one of us, the fuse."

Jingco, who received various awards during last Monday's seventh commencement exercises at the school grounds, said that each of their lives is one grand celebration." "And today, our fireworks is dedicated to the bright futures ahead of us. Our fireworks today are dedicated to our dreams and passions that each and every one of us will pursue relentlessly. It is the future me and you that will stand up and make a change in our island, in our world for the better."

MARY HEATHER B. JINGCO
Valedictorian

JEZZEL M. CANDIA
Salutatorian

She added that their diploma is the lighted match. "[It] is our starting point and aren't there to open doors for us, but are there to push us to open those doors ourselves. And, if we have to, make those doors ourselves.

"Success is not an end goal that, once attained, will be maintained. Success is the constant manifestation of hard work, dedication, perseverance, and sacrifice. In life, nothing worthwhile ever comes without these values. We, my Class of 2018, are the fuse. It is our duty, to ourselves, to the people that love us and rot for us, to live life as happily and fruitfully as possible."

Jezzel Munar Candia, Querida Bridilla Mesngon Maratita, Richelle Mae Ebuen Aldabe, Aliah Roma Mendiola Santos, Roberta Cathelene Mendiola Maratita, Loreville Dela Cruz Clitar, and Janiah Atalig Manglona joined Jingco as the Top 8 students of their class.

Jingco was the recipient of the CNMI State Board of Education and Rota Mayor's awards, and in the subjects of English, mathematics, social studies, and physical education/health. Candia received the CNMI Commissioner of Education award and world language.

Shawntay Doel Atalig Maratita (Governor's Leadership), Querida Maratita (Principal's Leadership and Outstanding Female Graduate), John Taga Atalig Jr. (Lt. Gov. Excelsior), Julia Maria Manglona Ogo (16th Municipal Council-Perseverance) were the other leadership awardees.

Querida Maratita also received the academic award in science and electives, while Roberta Maratita and Aliah Santos were the subject awardees in their electives.

A total of 45 senior high school graduated at the Dr. Rita Inos school.

SIS goes green, uses solar power

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Saipan International School became the first private learning institution in the CNMI that will be using a renewable source of energy after it teamed up with Micronesian Renewable Energy Inc. for a solar energy system.

The installation of three solar arrays for the 104,782 kW solar energy system was recently finished. Two are located at the central administrative building, while the other one is at the Tan Siu Lin building.

The solar energy system could save the school power costs of over $250,000 in a 20-year span, while harnessing the abundant power of the sun.

Latte Stone LLC, a solar provider in the Marianas (CNMI and Guam), designed and installed the solar arrays. The safety and welfare of the students, teachers, and visitors were also their top priority when they were installing the solar arrays.

Latte Stone personnel first surveyed the roof of both buildings carefully plan the design and how to install the solar arrays, in order to not disrupt daily school activities.

SIS headmaster Ron Snyder said they were impressed by how Latte Stone handled the installation of the solar arrays and their desire to keep everyone safe, to the extent of working extra hours, holidays, and weekends.

"The staff of SIS was very impressed with the conscientiousness and care the Latte Stone team provided while installing the solar arrays. The energy savings will allow us to use our tuition revenue to better serve the needs of all our students and we are extremely happy to be promoting clean energy in the CNMI," said Snyder.

The energy system would offset 70 percent of SIS' electric bills, while the excess power would be credited to the school.

An estimated 75 tons of carbon dioxide emissions will be prevented with the solar energy system, which is equivalent to driving more than 160,000 miles or the CO2 that's removed by 65 acres of trees in a year.

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Latte Stone Solar personnel pose for a group photo after installing the solar panels in one of the buildings at the Saipan International School.

UOG search for president names new finalists

Dr. Hamid Shirvani, one of the three finalists invited to visit the University of Guam next week, has withdrawn from the presidential search and will therefore not be visiting the campus.

The two previously announced finalists, Dr. Thomas W. Krise and Dr. Bruce T. Murphy, are still a part of the search.

In light of Shirvani's withdrawal, the presidential search committee has decided to invite two semifinalists: Dr. Anita Borja Enriquez and Dr. Ronald Larsen to become finalists.

The university's last president, Dr. Robert Underwood, has retired and is currently the interim university president.

The next step in the process is for all finalists to meet with various stakeholders. The finalists will meet with current elected leaders like the Guam governor, speaker of the Legislature, as well as students, faculty, staff, and alumni of the university. This will give stakeholders the opportunity to get to know the finalists better and understand their perspectives on important matters.

Enriquez

Larsen

After the meetings, with input from the community, it will be up to the UOG board of regents o make their final selection. A list of the meetings taking place will be published in the university's website, www.uog.edu by the end of the week.

Petition

On a related matter, the PSC is aware that there is a petition to ask the legislative oversight chair as well as the BOR to halt the current hiring process and to change it. The committee respects the rights of individuals to organize the petition and for citizens to sign it.

"The concerns of these individuals have certainly been discussed and are understood by the PSC; however, the presidential search will continue as planned and announced," said William Leon Guerrero, chairman of the UOG Presidential Search Committee. "The integrity of the search process has remained intact since its start and it is now even more critical to allow the process to run its full course with the BOR making the final decision." ***(PR)***

STUDENT AWARDEE
Johnson Ngiraibiochel Aldan Atalig receives the governor's student leadership award and principal's award during last week's Saipan Southern High School's commencement exercise at the SSHS stage in Koblerville. Also in the photo are Johnson Atalig's brother, Morris Obama Ezekiel Atalig, and his proud parents Ben Anthony Atalig and Juliana Atalig.
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PIC is MINA's newest Adopt-a-Bin sponsor

Pacific Islands Club, a division of the E-Land Group, recently signed on as a sponsor of the Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance's Adopt-a-Bin program.

A beach cleanup at their designated site at Pak Pak Beach was held in conjunction with the adoption ceremony, followed by a barbecue get-together.

Gloria Cavanagh, general manager of Pacific Islands Club, is enthusiastic about MINA's Adopt-a-Bin program and the opportunity to become a part of the solution that is designed to prevent litter from entering the lagoon.

"PIC Saipan and E-Land Group as a whole are dedicated to saving our environment. We jumped at the opportunity to assist MINA in the Adopt-a-Bin project for our neighbor, Pak Pak Beach," Cavanagh said. "We encourage all our colleagues to also support this program. Our beaches and our environment are our products to the world. We must do what we can to protect them for our economy and for the future of the people of the CNMI."

Pacific Islands Club officials and employees conduct a beach cleanup at Pak Pak Beach, followed by a barbecue get-together, after signing on as a sponsor of the Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance's Adopt-a-Bin program.
CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The Adopt-a-Bin program, with its recycle bins placed at 20 strategic locations around the island, is now in its eighth year, and has collected tons of recyclable items and mixed waste, keeping it off the ground and out of the lagoon.

Roberta Guerrero, executive director at MINA, stresses the effectiveness of this program, and attributes a great part of its success to partnerships with local businesses.

"It is gratifying to know that belief in this program and its effectiveness, as demonstrated by the recent signing of Pacific Islands Club as a sponsor, is what keeps us going," she said.

Bin sponsorship, a vital component of the program, pays for the weekly collection and transfer service, as well as bi-annual cleanups by their corporate volunteers.

MINA is calling on any other interested partners to step on board and contribute to this effort of keeping our land and sea clean and litter-free.

For more information about the program and becoming a sponsor, call (670)233-7333(REEF) or email minaoutreach@gmail.com. ***(PR)***

Skimming device found in BOG ATM at Guam mall

HAGATNA, Guam—On the evening of Tuesday, June 5, 2018, a skimming device was found on a Bank of Guam ATM at Micronesia Mall in Dededo. The device was immediately removed and law enforcement was notified.

Bank of Guam has inspected all other ATMs and are confident that no other ATMs have been affected by skimming devices.

"We are committed to providing the safest and most secure banking for our customers. Unfortunately, this activity is part of a growing national trend that is happening more frequently and affecting all financial institutions nationwide," said Joaquin Cook, interim president/CEO of Bank of Guam. "The bank's security protocols, together with the awareness and prompt notification by one of our customers led to led to the quick discovery of this device. I encourage everyone to do the same and report anything that looks different or out of place when using an ATM."

According to www.combank.com, a skimming device is a method used by criminals to capture data from the magnetic stripe on the back of an ATM card. When an ATM user swipes his card in an ATM, the skimming device captures the card's personal identification number.

Bank of Guam is working closely with law enforcement in their investigation. Anyone with information about this case is asked to contact the Guam Police Department or the Federal Bureau of Investigation. ***(PR)***

CUC power interruptions on Saturday

There will be a scheduled power interruption on Saturday, June 9, from 5am to 10am affecting San Roque and As Matuis. The As Matuis water well will be affected, as well as all lift stations in As Matuis and San Roque.

There will be another power interruption that same day, from 7am to 11am, affecting the Chalan Antonio Road and Fina Sisu Lane. No water well or wastewater lift station will be affected.

The purpose of the power interruptions is to de-energize the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s primary lines to allow CUC and its contractor to safely replace three wooden poles with concrete poles. The project tasks are part of CUC's ongoing Hazard Mitigation Project that entails the replacement of 787 wooden poles with concrete poles throughout Saipan. Of the 787 wooden poles to be replaced, 601 poles have already been made by CUC and its contractor. ***(PR)***

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Minimum of three (3) years related work experience, preferably in a large hotel. Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays.

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(1) LEAD COOK
Minimum of three (3) years experience as a cook. At least one (1) year supervisory experience preferred. Must be able to work evenings, weekends, and holidays.

(2) MUSICIAN
Minimum of two (2) years experience as a musician. Must be able to perform music in English as well as Japanese/Korean/Russian. Need to be able to play a variety of music genres, classical, pop, rock, reggae, country etc. Must be able to play on an individual, duo and trio basis. At least one member must be a classical pianist, playing classical music during restaurant dining hours. Must be able to host events, MC events, be able to promote audience participation during sing-a-long shows. Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays. Subject to audition.

(2) PASTRY COOK
Minimum of two (2) years of relevant work experience working in pastry for a hotel. Associate's degree in Culinary Arts. Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays.

(1) PASTRY COOK HELPER
Minimum of two (2) years of related experience with bread making, pastry making and cake decorating. Must have previous experience in high volume production including large banquets, functions and special events. High School Diploma or higher is required. Must be able to work early mornings, nights, weekends and holidays.

(2) PLUMBER
Minimum of five years related work experience; must be able to work evenings/weekends/holidays.

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Minimum of five (5) years of related work experience. Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays.

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EDITORIAL

A resolution to cake question isn't yet fully baked

In this March 10, 2014, file photo, Masterpiece Cakeshop owner Jack Phillips decorates a cake inside his store in Lakewood, Colo. AP

The Supreme Court found an escape route out of a complex case that put fundamental principles in conflict. The court decided not to really decide whether the religious liberty of a Colorado baker who refused to make a wedding cake for two gay men was more important than the couple's right to live free from discrimination.

Monday's 7-2 ruling in the Masterpiece Cakeshop case technically makes a winner out of Jack Phillips, the baker who wouldn't accept the order from Charlie Craig and David Mullins. The outcome disappoints all who abhor discrimination and who wanted a resounding win. Sometimes, however, wisdom can be found in waiting.

Phillips argued that by designing a custom cake, he would support a union that violated his religious beliefs. Colorado's Human Rights Commission found he violated the state's anti-discrimination law. And before long, as with most battles in our culture wars, the dispute turned into a mega fight only one side could win. The narrow ruling set no precedent.

Justice Anthony Kennedy said the "denigration" of religious beliefs shown by the commission as it reviewed the case was so extreme that Phillips couldn't get a fair hearing. Kennedy wrote that the "delicate question of when the free exercise of his religion must yield" to the couple's rights to be free from discrimination couldn't be balanced properly in this context. Some of the justices appeared concerned that a ruling for the couple would send a message that "religious beliefs cannot be carried into the public sphere." At the same time, Kennedy acknowledged there are exceptions to religious beliefs when they conflict with other fundamental rights. The opinion called for tolerance of religious views and expressed little tolerance for those who would treat gay people with indignity.

The court did not provide guidelines on how it would evaluate the next case, but there will be a next one soon because similar challenges are in the court system. Hoping that changing social norms on same-sex marriage will resolve future conflicts may be too wishful, but carving out exceptions to religious liberty is not without its risks.

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Why feminists must read Jordan Peterson

By CATHY YOUNG
Los Angeles Times

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One of the most controversial public intellectuals today is an eccentric, primly dressed professor who writes about esoteric mythology, dispenses old-fashioned wisdom such as "clean your room" and champions embattled ideals of manhood.

Jordan Peterson, University of Toronto professor, psychologist, bestselling author and YouTube star, has been hailed by some as a messenger of hope for young men perplexed by cultural upheaval, and denounced by others as a charlatan preaching patriarchy and fascism.

In reality, Peterson's ideas are a mixed bag. He says some sensible and insightful things, and he says some things that rightly draw criticism. But you wouldn't know this from reading Peterson's critics, who generally cast him as a far-right boogeyman riding the wave of a misogynistic backlash. That's a mistake.

For all his flaws, Peterson is tapping into a very real frustration: More than half a century after the modern feminist revolution began in the 1960s, we have yet to figure out new rules for partnership between men and women.

Although Peterson can sound like a chauvinistic crank when he seems to suggest that women incite sexual harassment by wearing makeup to the office, his larger points—that evolving norms are generating confusion and mixed signals, and that women play a role in sexualizing work environments—are far from absurd.

Consider: We have rejected traditional sexist proprieties that forbade coarse language in front of "the ladies," yet a man can now be fired for telling a crude joke that offends a female co-worker. Calling women "the weaker sex" would be considered shockingly retrograde, yet ambivalent sexual encounters are easily recast as violations of women, with men presumed entirely responsible for ensuring consent. Workplace romances abound, yet flirting could be one step away from someone's idea of sexual harassment.

In this bewildering environment, Peterson offers a code of personal responsibility and self-discipline. Although his message appeals to both genders, the core of his fan base and the focus of his world-saving fervor are young men. Indeed, one of Peterson's central themes is that men in the modern Western world are in crisis.

Crisis or no, there is certainly evidence that many men and boys have been left struggling by the cultural transformations of recent decades. A 2013 MIT study, titled "Wayward Sons," notes that boys are more likely than girls to be negatively affected by parental divorce; that young men are less likely to go college or even complete high school; that working-class men are more likely to be left behind by economic shifts that working-class women; and that those who lose out in the labor market are likely to face poor prospects for marriage and fatherhood.

Peterson sees a feminist assault on masculinity as a major culprit. Although that is much too simplistic an explanation, it's also true that, in its current form, feminism certainly isn't helping.

Despite occasional lip service to the idea that feminism can liberate men too from patriarchal confines, most feminist discourse spends far more time bashing men for trivial transgressions.

The fact that the word "masculinity" so often appears next to the word "toxic" says a lot about this cultural moment. So does the proliferation of neologisms for bad behavior with "man" as a prefix: "mansplaining," "manspreading," etc. Meanwhile, male troubles are met with "What about the menz?" mockery. Just look at the debate about Peterson. British journalist Helen Lewis has jeered that he is viewed as a serious intellectual "because he's writing for sad young white men—and their problems are, you know, real problems."

Peterson doesn't necessarily offer good solutions. His constructive advice comes with some dubious traditionalist baggage. ("Healthy" women, he writes in his book "12 Rules of Life," want men who "outclass" them in intelligence, dominance and status.) Though he has said that both sexes must adapt to a new world in which women have freedom and autonomy, he sometimes appears to pander to nostalgia for a world in which men were men and women were housewives.

These contradictions, along with Peterson's penchant for woolly language, are partly responsible for the confusion around what he really believes. But his detractors often go out of their way to put a sinister spin on his comments rather than understand the need he is meeting.

For all its successes, contemporary feminism's main message to men is not one of equal partnership. Rather, it's: Repent, abase yourself, and be an obedient feminist ally—and we still won't trust you. It's no wonder that Peterson has found an eager audience in this climate. If feminists don't like his message, they should offer a better one.

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The big hysteria

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One of the rules of our politics is that it's permissible to accuse the Trump administration of anything, and the claim that it "lost" 1,475 migrant children fits the bill. It has lit up social media and made the debate over a new Trump policy of "zero tolerance" at the border even more hysterical than it would be otherwise.

The 1,475 factoid makes it sound as though the Trump administration had these children in its custody and then one day couldn't find them. Instead, Health and Human Services had placed them, along with thousands of others who showed up at the border as unaccompanied children, with sponsors in the United States, usually parents or close relatives.

HHS recently added 30-day follow-up phone calls to the longstanding program. At the end of last year, HHS called 7,635 sponsors and couldn't reach 1,475 of them. Since many of the sponsors are illegal immigrants themselves who don't want to be in contact with authorities, this isn't surprising. But this misleading story has been spun into a tale of shocking Trump administration callousness and used as a hammer against his border policy.

Prior to 2011, almost all illegal aliens at the border were single adult males, overwhelmingly from Mexico. Now, 40 percent of illegal aliens at the border are families and children, and almost half from Central America. This presents challenges we haven't faced before, made all the worse by gaping loopholes in the law.

The past policy was to allow adults traveling with children into the country. Hoping to stem the flow—which briefly diminished after his election, before increasing again—Trump now wants to prosecute all adults. This necessitates, at least briefly, the separation of adults and children.

The U.S. Marshalls take custody of the adults, while the children are held by HHS. The prosecution of the adults for illegal entry usually happens quickly. Then, if the adult wants to return home, they are reunited with their child and sent back together.

Where it gets more complicated is if a migrant claims asylum. The Trump administration wants to hold migrants pending adjudication of their cases; if they are released, there is a good chance they will abscond. But even if the cases are handled quickly—i.e., in a couple of months—the government has to release the children sooner thanks to a 20-year-old consent decree and associated legal rulings.

It's just one of the distortions that makes a rational policy at the border impossible.

Trump is right to want to get a handle on the border. According to the Justice Department, over the past two and half years, more than 250,000 migrants who came here as unaccompanied children or part of a family group have been released into the country.

But separating parents and children at the border is a significant downside of the Trump policy. Congress can help by fixing the consent decree that makes it impossible to detain kids, even if they are with their parents, and by spending more on detention space. There's no reason we can't handle these cases quickly and humanely, except for our insanely self-sabotaging immigration system.

Watch out, world!

By DAVID MAS MASUMOTO
The Sacramento Bee

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Congratulations high school graduates, Class of 2018. You are destined for success because many of you were born in 2000, the "Year of the Dragon." You are a dragon child and carry good fortune and the burden of expectation to accomplish much in your life. You will make us all proud.

According to the Chinese zodiac, "dragon babies" are predestined for great prosperity. They are ambitious, superb leaders, bright and driven to realize their dreams. They have endless energy, charming and glamorous. Of all the 12 zodiac signs, this one is often highly sought after and admired. (Other years of such karma include: 1976, 1988 and 2012).

Researchers Noel Johnson and John Nye of George Mason University have found some truth to this superstition. They examined Asian Americans born in the dragon year of 1976 and compared them to others and found they had higher education levels and potentially greater income and prosperity. But their success may have had more to do with parents and a support team than simply sheer luck.

If you were born into a family who valued a "dragon baby," parents often encouraged that child to work harder and excel. Their status became an identity marker. If you believed you were special, it led to greater self confidence and created a pathway for triumph. (Think of the current high school pathway programs: Students are "chosen" and labeled as potentially successful, so they strive to meet our and their own standards of achievement.)

A self-fulfilling prophecy is then created. Acceptance of predestination feeds ambition. A selection bias sends the message that you are one of the select few. You are treated differently by others. You are nudged towards greater attainment. That's why at this year's graduation ceremonies, we watch this class of high school seniors with much anticipation. You are the investment for the future.

Asian American families who adopted a dragon vision tended to be more modern, richer and more secure. They had the capacity and resources to support these children. Many were recent immigrants who also sought to reclaim their cultural heritage by embracing the zodiac horoscope and the kismet of a valuable and powerful sign. They did not want to lose the traditions of their family and culture: They embraced part of their past and injected it into their fortunes here in America.

In Asian countries, some officials had feared a huge surge in babies born in the years of 2000 and 2012. Economists thought adversities could occur. Because of a birth boom, these children would face overcrowded hospitals at delivery. As they matured into adults and entered the labor pool, they would face more competition and lower wages. A "crowding affect" could impede these dragons.

Yet in most cases, this did not happen. In order to support your "dragon baby," you had to have resources. Many poor families, lacking capacity, simply ignored zodiac signs. Their children were no different than others.

Such high expectations can also place too much stress on a child. They may revolt and fail. They may not have an internal capacity to overachieve and thus feel their birth year as a burden. It ignores who you really are and what you want to do.

Yet I can't help wanting to affirm others, even if it's based on a superstition. So to the high school Class of 2018, go out into the world and conquer. What's wrong with that conjecture and speculation? If I believe, perhaps you will too.

Consider the story of Chloe Kim, the recent Olympic gold medalist in snowboarding, Her father was Korean and accepted the inevitability that his daughter would be victorious. During the competition, he says he reminded her by text that "this is time to be dragon."

I salute you high school graduates. You will move on to achieve much. You are destined because you are "dragon children."

Let's work to end stigma of mental illness

By KATE BARIKMO
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

My aunt died on May 3, 2017, emaciated, yellow with jaundice, but clear-headed for the first time in years. Sobriety and good medical treatment will do that. For a brief while, we met the real her. She was kind, funny, and wise.

But Aunt "Carol" (not her real name) will live mostly in our memories as a terror. She was tormented and resistant to help. She left behind a dusty house and a grieving, angry family.

It didn't have to be this way.

In recent months, we've been hearing a lot about mental illness, due to incidents of violence. In April, a man with a long history of mental illness allegedly killed four people at a Waffle House in Nashville, Tenn. That same month, a mentally ill homeless man allegedly stabbed a diner to death in a restaurant in Ventura, Calif.

Most people with mental health issues aren't violent. In fact, they are responsible for only 3 to 5 percent of violent acts. But it seems that it takes acts of violence to get us to even discuss this common affliction. And just opening up the conversation would be a big step.

Most mental illness starts with mild symptoms—ones that could be potentially be managed with medications. Half of mental illness cases begin by age 14, and three-quarters begin by age 24. When early issues are ignored, they can become much larger problems.

Aunt Carol's mental health got worse with age. Our family knew about her depression and obsessive compulsive disorder. We knew how she'd break from reality, get angry, belligerent, and impossible to reach. But no one knew the extent of her disease.

Carol was also an alcoholic; addicts are nearly twice as likely to suffer from mental illness.

In the end, it was alcoholism that put her in the hospital—and, ironically, provided the opening for appropriate medical care. Her life is a perfect example of what society does to the mentally ill. First we ignore. Then we deny. Then we realize, perhaps too late, how critical the situation has become.

And, of course, like many people, my aunt struggled to hide her mental health issues. After all, who wants to admit they are fighting their own brain? But, in fact, one in five adults have experienced some form of mental illness.

So instead of brushing it under the rug, let's talk about it. Urge a loved one to see a doctor. Support community health programs for those without insurance (or the underinsured). Vote for politicians who advocate for better health care. Know that it's okay to reach out for help.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness lists tips for fighting the stigma as individuals. "Talk Openly About Mental Health" is number one.

Another critical element is prioritizing health care. In May, a panel of experts at the American Psychiatric Association's annual meeting recommended a single-payer system as the best way to deliver appropriate mental health care. Short of that, we can improve our current system. In Congress right now is the CHIP Mental Health Parity Act, which aims to deliver a broad range of mental health services to low-income children.

But whatever happens with health care policy, we all can play a role in helping someone who lives with mental illness, whether it's mild depression or something more severe. By simply having conversations about mental health, we can make a positive difference.

My aunt's brain was consumed by her illness; then her body was consumed by alcohol. But her story will not be consumed by the taboo surrounding mental health. I will not let that happen.

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The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. Southwest winds 15 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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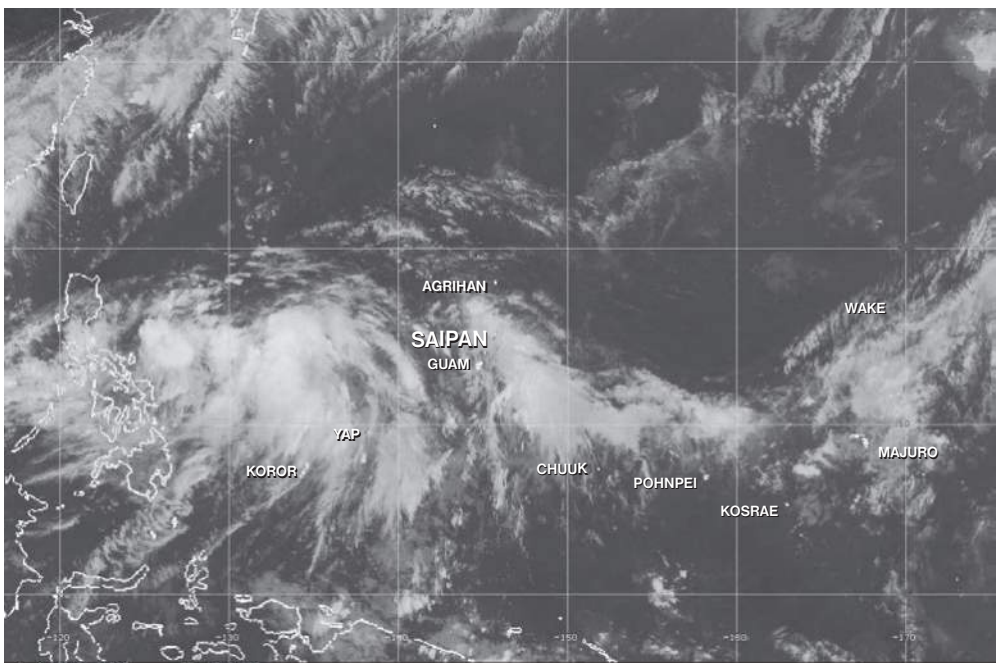

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Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

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Pohnpei	Thunderstorm	86° / 77°
Kosrae	Thunderstorm	86° / 77°
Majuro	Thunderstorm	86° / 80°

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	61° / 50°
Beijing	Mostly Cloudy	95° / 70°
Hong Kong	Thunderstorm	90° / 81°
Honolulu	Showers	84° / 75°
London	Showers	73° / 57°
Los Angeles	Sunny	76° / 60°
Manila	Thunderstorm	91° / 81°
Melbourne	Showers	55° / 46°
Miami	Thunderstorm	84° / 76°
New York	Partly Cloudy	71° / 61°
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	82° / 72°
Paris	Mostly Cloudy	75° / 61°
Busan	Mostly Sunny	79° / 68°
Rome	Thunderstorm	84° / 66°
Salem	Sunny	92° / 69°
San Francisco	Windy	58° / 51°
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	84° / 64°
Tokyo	Sunny	82° / 70°
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	77° / 63°

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8:48 AM	LOW TIDE	0.96
1:19 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.34
7:57 PM	LOW TIDE	0.39

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	5:45 AM	6:445 PM
Friday	5:45 AM	6:46 PM
Saturday	5:46 AM	6:46 PM
Sunday	5:46 AM	6:46 PM
Monday	5:46 AM	6:46 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	12:33 AM	12:36 PM	-
Friday	1:13 AM	1:26 PM	-
Saturday	1:53 AM	2:17 PM	-
Sunday	2:35 AM	3:11 PM	-
Monday	3:19 AM	4:07 PM	-

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DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA117	8:45am	9:30am	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

7C3451	3:10am	6:10am	1, 7
7C3451	4:00am	7:05am	4, 5

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

TW308	2:00am	6:05am	Daily
OZ626	2:10am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
LJ652	3:40am	7:30am	1, 4, 5, 7
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	5:40am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)

JD396	7:30am	12:00pm	1
JD396	4:50pm	10:00pm	4

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:10am	10:55am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	10:55am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA6394/191	4:15am	9:00am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	8:10am	7 via GUM
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	9:20am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via GUM
UA6398/183	6:05pm	9:40pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA6398/183	6:05pm	9:50pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6398/193	6:05pm	11:50pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

HX077	1:50am	5:15am	1, 4
OZ626/721	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UO43	5:45am	8:40am	1, 3, 5, 7
UA6398/159	6:05pm	11:00pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA117	7:00am	7:45am	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

7C3452	9:00pm	2:10am+1	4
7C3452	9:05pm	2:10am+1	3, 6, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
OZ625	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
TW307	7:45pm	1:00am+1	Daily
OZ625	8:20pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
LJ651	9:10pm	2:40am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:20pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN

JD395	8:25am	3:30pm	4
JD395	9:55pm	5:00am+1	7

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:25pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA182/6395	12:40am	8:05am	3, 6 via GUM
UA190/6397	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/625	12:25pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/625	12:25pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/UA6395	10:05pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM
UA192/6395	10:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA184/6395	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
HX076	5:15pm	12:15am+1	3, 7
UO42	6:50pm	1:45am+1	7
UO42	9:30pm	4:25am+1	2, 4, 6
UA116/6395	11:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

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1301	7:30AM	8:00AM	Daily
1302	11:30AM	12:00PM	Daily
1303	4:00PM	4:30PM	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3101	8:15AM	8:45AM	Daily
3102	1:45PM	2:15PM	Daily
3103	4:45PM	5:15PM	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15PM	12:45PM	Daily

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
4301	1:00PM	1:30PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1201	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
1202	8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
1203	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
1204	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
1205	11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
1206	12:00PM	12:15PM	Daily
1207	1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
1208	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
1209	3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
1210	4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
1211	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
1212	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
2102	7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
2103	8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
2104	9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
2105	10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
2106	11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily
2107	12:30PM	12:45PM	Daily
2108	1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily
2109	2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily
2110	3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily
2111	4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily
2112	5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily
2113	6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily

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Business

Immigration agents arrest over 100 at Ohio landscaper

SANDUSKY, Ohio (AP) — More than 100 workers at an Ohio gardening and landscaping company were arrested Tuesday when about 200 federal officers descended on the business and carried out one of the largest workplace immigration raids in recent years.

The operation was part of the White House's increasing focus on businesses that hire people in the country illegally amid a broad range of immigration crackdowns under President Donald Trump that include stepped-up deportations, targeting of sanctuary cities and zero-tolerance border policies.

The 114 arrests occurred at two locations of Corso's Flower & Garden Center, one in Sandusky, a resort city on Lake Erie, and another in nearby Castalia. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement said it expected criminal charges including identity theft and tax evasion.

No criminal charges were filed against the company, but the employer is under investigation, authorities said. Two locations were searched, and Khaalid Walls, an agency spokesman, said "a large volume of business documents" were seized.

The operation drew criticism over its heavy show of force that involved aircraft surveillance and a large contingent of federal agents to round up workers at a family business. It also highlights a tightrope President Donald Trump's administration is walking as it seeks to please immigration hawks but risks alienating business-friendly Republicans struggling to find enough workers in a tight job market.

In April, agents made about 100 worker arrests at a meat-packing plant in rural Tennessee, another high-profile show of force reminiscent of President George W. Bush's administration. No criminal charges have been filed against the employer.

AP

A government agent takes a suspect into custody during an immigration sting at Corso's Flower and Garden Center, Tuesday, June 5, 2018, in Castalia, Ohio.

Tuesday's operation was carried out with quiet efficiency. At the Castalia facility — covered with trees, flowers and greenhouse tarps — no workers were seen running as about 100 law enforcement officials established a perimeter. A voice on a radio called attention to specific employees who might try to flee, but none did.

Corso's did not return a message seeking comment on the operation.

Corso's describes itself as a family-owned company that serves seven states with a 160,000-square-foot (15,000-square-meter) greenhouse and additional 200,000 square feet (19,000 square meters) to grow perennials. Its Sandusky facility is on the city's busiest road amid hotels and fast-food joints that cater to tourists who drive by in the summer on their way to Lake Erie and Cedar Point amusement park.

Securing such sprawling facilities typically involves an enormous law enforcement presence to secure the perimeters.

Josie Gonzalez, a Los Angeles attorney who represents businesses on immigration matters, questioned why the arrests couldn't have been made with fewer resources, perhaps by visiting worker homes based on addresses Corso's provided to authorities. She suspects the government wanted publicity.

"Government is overreaching and trying to make a big splash, instill fear in the business community and immigrant communities and make the headlines," she said. "It's a tremendous use of resources to accomplish that purpose."

The investigation into Corso's began in October 2017 when the U.S. Border Patrol arrested a woman who gave stolen identity documents to job applicants in the country illegally, said Steve Francis, head of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations unit in Detroit.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

World Bank: Global economy is healthy but growth will slow

WASHINGTON (AP)—The steadily expanding global economy should remain resilient—at least for a couple of years—the World Bank says. The anti-poverty agency predicted Tuesday that global growth will decelerate from a solid 3.1 percent this year to 3 percent next year and 2.9 percent in 2020. The world economy is generally healthy but must contend with rising interest rates in wealthier countries and weaker demand for commodities in developing nations. It also faces risks from trade disputes, financial volatility and geopolitical tensions. The World Bank predicts that U.S. growth will register 2.7 percent in 2018, aided by tax cuts, before slowing to 2.5 percent next year and 2 percent in 2020. Likewise, the 19-country eurozone will go from 2.1 percent this year to 1.7 percent next and 1.5 percent in 2020, the World Bank says.

Report: Facebook shared user data with flagged Chinese firm

MENLO PARK, Calif. (AP)—The New York Times says Facebook has acknowledged it shared user data with several Chinese handset manufacturers, including Huawei, a company flagged by U.S. intelligence officials as a national security threat. The report says Facebook said Tuesday the handset makers—Huawei, Lenovo, Oppo and TCL—were among 60 it had shared data with as early as 2007. Facebook told the newspaper it planned to wind down the Huawei deal this week. The data included work history, relationship status and likes on device users and their friends. The report didn't say the data was misused. Facebook did not immediately reply to a request for comment. Sen. Mark Warner, a Virginia Democrat, says he wants to know how Facebook ensured that data was not transferred to Chinese servers.

Nation

Hawaii volcano lava destroys hundreds of homes overnight

HONOLULU (AP)—Lava from Hawaii's Kilauea volcano destroyed hundreds more homes overnight, overtaking two oceanfront communities where residents were advised to evacuate last week, officials said Tuesday.

No injuries were reported as most residents heeded the advice to leave.

The latest lost homes were in addition to at least 117 others that were previously reported by officials since lava began spilling last month from cracks in the ground in a mostly rural district of the Big Island.

"We don't have an estimate yet, but safe to say that hundreds of homes were lost in Kapoho Beach Lots and Vacationland last night," Janet Snyder, a spokeswoman for Hawaii County, said Tuesday.

A morning overflight confirmed that lava had completely filled Kapoho Bay, inundated most of Vacationland and covered all but the northern part of Kapoho Beach Lots, scientists with the U.S. Geological Survey's Hawaiian Volcano Observatory said.

Despite earlier reports that lava claimed Big Island Mayor Harry Kim's second home in Vacationland, an aerial flyover confirmed his home is still standing, Snyder said.

County Managing Director Wil Okabe said his own vacation home in Kapoho Beach Lots was threatened. Okabe described the area as a mix of vacation rentals and year-round residences.

"For us it's more of a vacation area, but for those who live there permanently, they're trying to figure out where they're going to be living," he said. Kim and Okabe live in Hilo, the county's seat, which is more than an hour drive from the Kapoho area.

One shelter was full Tuesday, officials said.

Gov. David Ige signed a second supplemental emergency proclamation Tuesday that gives the county more options for shelters and sets criminal penalties for violating emergency rules, such as failing to evacuate and interfering with emergency workers.

Lava claimed Harry Pomerleau's home in Vacationland.

"It's a necessary evil. It's not our land. It belongs to Pele," he said, referring to the Hawaiian volcano goddess. "I have to imagine . she knows what she's doing."

Kapoho resident Mark Johnson was coming to terms with the possibility of losing his home and 5-acre citrus farm.

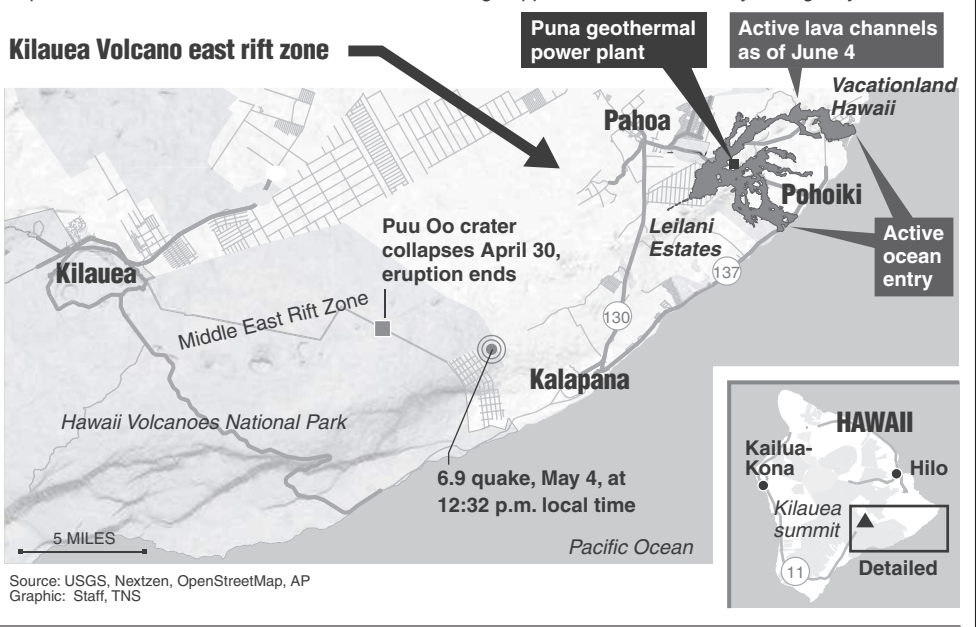
"I'm really kind of at peace actually," he said. "I've had 28 years of wonderful experience down there in Kapoho."

Johnson and Pomerleau evacuated last week when authorities with bullhorns arrived at 1 a.m. saying it was time to get their things and leave.

They didn't expect the lava flow to head their way.

Advancing lava flow destroys 117 homes

Thousands in the Puna district had to evacuate after lava fissures started opening in neighborhoods a month ago. Last week officials had issued mandatory orders for residents of Leilani Estates and those in Kapoho Beach and Vacationland to leave or risk being trapped and unreachable by emergency crews.



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Indiana school shooting suspect won't be tried as an adult

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—A prosecutor said Tuesday that a 13-year-old student accused of wounding a teacher and a classmate in a shooting at a suburban Indianapolis middle school will not be tried as an adult because of his age.

Hamilton County Prosecutor D. Lee Buckingham said the boy would have faced 11 counts in adult court, including attempted murder and aggravated battery. He said the teen's case cannot be heard in adult court under current Indiana law because his alleged attempt to commit murder wasn't successful.

Buckingham said someone as young as 12 can be tried as an adult for murder, but the statute has been interpreted to not include attempted murder.

Prosecutors filed a petition Tuesday alleging he is a delinquent child. He is to appear in court June 11.

He's accused of shooting science teacher Jason Seaman and 13-year-old Ella Whistler on May 25 at Noblesville West Middle School. Seaman has been credited with helping to stop the attack.

Seaman was released from a hospital the following day.

Ella remains hospitalized and faces a lengthy recovery after being shot seven times, including in her face, neck and upper chest, her family said Monday. She also suffered collapsed lungs, significant nerve damage and several broken bones.

Authorities have said the boy was armed with two handguns when he entered Seaman's classroom and began shooting.

The school is about 20 miles (32 kilometers) north of Indianapolis.

Asia

FOR TRUMP-KIM SUMMIT

Secluded resort chosen in Singapore

AP

An entrance glows outside the Capella Hotel on Sentosa Island in Singapore Tuesday, June 5, 2018.

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un will meet at a luxury resort on Sentosa Island for nuclear talks next week in Singapore, the White House said Tuesday.

The historic meeting will be held at the Capella Hotel, press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders tweeted.

"We thank our great Singaporean hosts for their hospitality," Sanders said.

Trump and Kim's highly anticipated meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. local time June 12 at—or 9 p.m. June 11 on the East Coast of the U.S.—after a flurry of on-again-off-again action.

Trump hopes to secure a nuclear deal with the North Koreans, seeking for Kim to give up his nuclear program, though he stressed last week that the process would likely take longer than a single meeting.

Located a quarter-mile off the coast of the city-state, Sentosa Island is known for its high-end beach hotels, golf courses and amusement parks. A U.S. advance team was spotted at the Capella Hotel last week meeting with North Korean officials in preparation for the summit.

The hotel is known for luxury amenities, impeccable service and, above all, privacy for business and leisure. Two of the hotel's buildings were built in the 1880s for British officers based on the island.

On Tuesday evening, workers were painting a fresh coat on the façade, extra security was in place and red carpets were being rolled out at the hotel's two entrances.

Officials had also considered the Shangri-La Hotel, which hosts an annual international security summit and was the venue for a 2015 meeting between Chinese President Xi Jinping and Taiwanese President Ma Ying-jeou.

Trump is expected to stay at that hotel, which is near a major shopping district and less secluded than the island facility chosen for his meeting with Kim.

UN: Plastic bans can work, but need planning and enforcement

NEW DELHI (AP)—Government bans on plastic can be effective in cutting back on waste, but poor follow-through has left many such bans ineffective, the U.N. said in a report Tuesday.

The report, with its release timed for U.N. World Environment Day, noted that rules limiting the use of plastic bags had decreased their use in places such as Morocco, Rwanda and parts of China, sometimes significantly. But elsewhere things haven't gone so well.

A ban on disposable plastics in New Delhi, for instance, has had only limited impact "because of poor enforcement," the report said.

New Delhi has tried repeatedly over the past decade to ban the use of thin plastic bags, most recently announcing a heavy fine for rule-breakers. But the bags remain ubiquitous across the city, blowing in the wind, piled in ditches and readily offered in hundreds of thousands of shops. Elsewhere in India, including the states of Sikkim and Himachal Pradesh, there have been better results. India is hosting this year's World Environment Day.

"Plastic pollution is a huge issue everywhere," U.N. Environment chief Erik Solheim told The Associated Press in an interview. He praised India for its growing focus on environmental protection but also noted that while traveling in the country he'd seen "some of the most beautiful scenic places, but destroyed by plastic pollution."

"So the problem is big, but the ability to change is also big," Solheim said.

The U.N. made a series of recommendations to make plastics bans more effective, from encouraging more cooperation from businesses to offering incentives.

The report notes that by some estimates, as many as 5 trillion plastic bags are used worldwide every year.

In drought-prone Cyprus, the president said Tuesday that he wants his country to play a coordinating role in the efforts of nations in the Mediterranean and Middle East to deal with climate change.

After chairing a meeting of environmental experts and top government officials on the topic, President Nicos Anastasiades said in a statement that he gave instructions for Cyprus to play a bigger role in a part of the world that's particularly susceptible to climate change.

World

New evacuations near Guatemala volcano set off panic

ESCUINTLA, Guatemala (AP)—Frightened people living near the Volcano of Fire fled with their children and few possessions when fresh flows of super-heated debris were announced, taking no chances after authorities gave them little time to evacuate before a deadly eruption over the weekend.

Traffic came to a standstill on choked roads Tuesday and those without vehicles walked, even in central Escuintla, which was not under an evacuation order. Businesses shuttered as owners fled, memories still fresh of Sunday's blast, which left at least 75 people dead and 192 missing, and reduced a once verdant area to a moonscape of ash.

Mirna Priz, who sells tamales and chiles rellenos, wept as she sat on a rock at a crossroads, with a suitcase in front of her and her 11-year-old son, Allen, and their terrier mix Cara Sucia by her side.

"You feel powerless," she said. "I don't know where I'm going to go. To leave my things, everything I have."

But after seeing what happened Sunday, she was afraid to stay.

A column of smoke rose from the mountain Tuesday afternoon and hot volcanic material began descending its south side, prompting new evacuation orders for a half dozen communities and the closure of a national highway. The country's seismology and vulcanology institute said the smoke billowing from the volcano's top could produce a "curtain" of ash that could reach 20,000 feet (6,000 meters) above sea level, posing a danger to air traffic.

Rescuers, police and journalists hurried to leave the area as a siren wailed and loudspeakers blared, "Evacuate!"

Among those fleeing was retiree Pantaleon Garcia, who was able to load his grandchildren into the back of a pickup with a jug of water and some food. They were heading to the homes of relatives in another town.

"You have to be prepared, for the children," he said.

When the panic set off by the new evacuations became clear, disaster officials called for calm.

In the community of Magnolia, which was under the new evacuation order, residents fled carrying bundles, bags of clothing and even small dogs in their arms.

Many walked along the side of the highway because vehicular traffic had stalled on the only road out.

By Tuesday the images of Sunday's destruction were familiar to everyone. What was once a collection of green canyons, hillsides and farms was reduced to grey devastation by fast-moving avalanches of super-heated muck that roared into the tightly knit villages on the mountain's flanks.

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EU nations split over asylum

BRUSSELS (AP)—European Union countries remained deeply divided Tuesday over how to reform EU rules for managing the influx of refugees and migrants, as U.N. agencies reported that an estimated 112 people died over the weekend when a smuggler's boat sank as it tried to reach Europe.

The estimated toll made the shipwreck off Tunisia the deadliest this year in the dangerous route from North Africa across the Mediterranean Sea to Europe.

EU migration ministers, meeting in Luxembourg, were pessimistic that new proposals to update the bloc's asylum system would be accepted by many of the bloc's 28 nations.

Well over 1 million people, mostly Syrians fleeing war at home, entered Europe in 2015, overwhelming Greece and Italy and surprising Germany, which took in hundreds of thousands of refugees. Their arrival strained relations among EU neighbors and fueled anti-migrant sentiment, especially in central and eastern Europe.

EU leaders have insisted that the deadlock over how to handle migrants and refugees must be broken this month.

In his first policy address, Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte declared Europe's immigration policy a "failure" and demanded that it be renegotiated. Italy has been the primary entry point

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for thousands of migrants to Europe via the Mediterranean this year.

Conte insisted the rest of the EU must take on a greater burden of accepting refugees, as well as negotiating with migrants' home countries to return those who don't qualify for asylum.

Germany's deputy interior minister, Stephan Mayer, said "there are still considerable deficits" in the proposals to overhaul EU immigration laws, while Dutch Migration Minister Mark Harbers said there are "a lot of member states that still have points of discussion."

"First we have to fix the front door, fix the back door," Belgian Migration Minister Theo Francken told reporters. "Then we can find a compromise on who's doing what. When we don't have a solution for the massive influx of illegal aliens in our Europe, Europe will end, and we will never get out of this crisis."

Denmark's prime minister, however, predicted that a new European asylum system could be in place as soon as next year and said asylum-seekers whose applications have been rejected could be sent to a country "that is not on the migrant's wish list."

Prime Minister Lars Loekke Rasmussen gave no further details Tuesday besides that fact that several European countries have discussed the plan.

Most of the disagreements focus on who should look after the migrants when they arrive and for how long. Under current EU rules, people must register for asylum in the European country they first arrive in. This has meant that Greece and Italy have carried most of the burden. But some nations—Hungary and Poland notably—have refused to honor any migrant quotas shared among European nations.

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Rescue workers search in El Rodeo, one of the hamlets in the disaster area near the Volcan de Fuego, or "Volcano of Fire," in Escuintla, Guatemala, Tuesday, June 5, 2018.

'NOBODY IS LEFT': Guatemala volcano ravaged entire families

By SONIA PEREZ D. and MARK STEVENSON
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ESCUINTLA, Guatemala (AP)—Lilian Hernandez wept as she spoke the names of aunts, uncles, cousins, her grandmother and two great-grandchildren—36 family members in all—missing and presumed dead in the explosion of Guatemala's Volcano of Fire.

"My cousins Ingrid, Yomira, Paola, Jennifer, Michael, Andrea and Silvia, who was just 2-years-old," the distraught woman said—a litany that brought into sharp relief the scope of a disaster for which the final death toll is far from clear.

What was once a collection of verdant canyons, hillsides and farms resembled a moonscape of ash, rock and debris on Tuesday in the aftermath of the fast-moving avalanche of super-heated muck that roared into the tightly knit villages on the mountain's flanks, devastating entire families.

Two days after the eruption, the terrain was still too hot in many places for rescue crews to search for bodies or—increasingly unlikely with each passing day—survivors.

By afternoon a new column of smoke was rising from the mountain and Guatemala's disaster agency said volcanic material was descending its south side, prompting an evacuation order and the closure of a nearby national highway. Rescuers, police and journalists hurried to leave the area as a siren wailed and loudspeakers blared, "Evacuate!"

The new evacuation order set off a panic even in areas that were not under it. Dozens of people could be seen walking down roadsides carrying children or a few belongings beside paralyzed traffic in parts of Escuintla township south of the volcano.

A lucky few, like retiree Pantaleon Garcia, was able to load his grandchildren into the back of a pickup with a jug of water and some food, to go to stay with relatives in another town.

"You have to be prepared, for the children," he said.

Even in more distant central Escuintla, which hosts most of the shelters for those evacuated from other areas, businesses were closed as people left.

On Sunday, when the volcano exploded in a massive cloud of ash and molten rock, Hernandez said her brother and sister ran to check on their 70-year-old grandmother on the family's plot of land in the village of San Miguel Los Lotes.

"She said that it was God's will, she was not going to flee," Hernandez said. "She was unable to walk. It was hard for her to get around."

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Lilian Hernandez, right, is comforted by her daughter at a Mormon church that has been enabled as a shelter near Escuintla, Guatemala, Tuesday, June 5, 2018. Hernandez lost 36 family members in all, missing and presumed dead in the town of San Miguel Los Lotes after the fiery volcanic eruption of the Volcan de Fuego, or "Volcano of Fire, in south-central Guatemala.

Her brother and sister made it to safety, but their grandmother has not been seen again.

Hernandez and her husband, Francisco Ortiz, survived because they moved out of Los Lotes just two months ago to begin a new life on a small plot of land.

The couple has been staying at a Mormon church in the nearby city of Escuintla and going to a morgue there to await news. So far only the body of one relative, her 28-year-old cousin, Cesar Gudiel Escalante, has been recovered and identified.

"The people ended up buried in nearly 3 meters of lava," Ortiz said. "Nobody is left there."

Other families experienced similar tragedies.

As President Jimmy Morales toured the area and met with survivors on Monday, a woman begged him to help her loved ones in Los Lotes.

"Mr. President, my family is missing. Send a helicopter to throw water over them because they are burning," she said. "I have three children, a grandchild, and all my brothers, my mother, all my family are there. ... More than 20 have disappeared."

The fast-moving flows with temperatures as high as 1,300 degrees Fahrenheit (700 Celsius) and hot ash and volcanic gases that can cause rapid asphyxiation caught many off guard.

On Tuesday, it was clear that the official death toll was sure to climb and fears spread that anyone still stuck in the buried houses was dead and would remain entombed there.

Guatemala's National Institute of Forensic Sciences raised the death toll Tuesday evening to 75. The institute said that 23 of those recovered bodies had been identified.

Sergio Cabanas, director of the disaster agency, said Tuesday night at a news conference that 192 people were listed as missing. He said it was not immediately clear if some of those could be among the unidentified bodies.

Officials are cross-checking census data with aerial photos of homes, registers of people in shelters and lists of the missing and injured, Cabanas said. The only thing they did not yet have was information on the unidentified bodies, but would be adding that as it became available, he said.

At a roadblock, Joel Gonzalez complained that police wouldn't let him through to see his family's house in the village of San Juan Alotenango, where his 76-year-old father lay buried in ash along with four other relatives.

"They say they are going to leave them buried there, and we are not going to know if it's really them," the 39-year-old farmer said. "They are taking away our opportunity to say goodbye."

A spokesman for Guatemala's firefighters said that once it reaches 72 hours after the eruption, there will be little chance of finding anyone alive.

"We don't rule out the possibility of some person alive, but the condition in which the homes are makes that possibility pretty unlikely," said the spokesman, Julio Sanchez, adding that some of the ash was still at temperatures between 750 and 1,300 degrees Fahrenheit (400 and 700 degrees Celsius).

In the devastated town of El Rodeo, gray soot coated trees and homes and an ash-covered deer lay dead in the debris. Rescuers wearing hard hats, masks and goggles used shovels to dig through homes, unearthing at least one body burned beyond recognition.

Amid the destruction, there was one glimmer of hope: The rescue of a black-and-white dog found alive in a home where four people lay dead.

"He is called Rambo," said volunteer firefighter Sergio Vazquez, who carried the dog on his shoulders to safety. "It may be that this dog no longer has a family."

Vazquez had no explanation for how the dog survived while the people died.

Environment

In India, a trio of unlikely heroes wages WAR ON PLASTIC

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In this photo taken May 28, 2018, Ram Nath, 40, left, who makes a living from recycling trash, receives a bidi from another garbage collector, before going out to look for plastic bottles and other reusable trash through murky waters of Yamuna, India's sacred river that flows through the capital of New Delhi.

NEW DELHI (AP)—For more than 25 years, Ram Nath has lived on the banks of the Yamuna River under a 19th-century iron bridge. Each morning, the wiry man walks a few steps from his makeshift hut and enters the black, sludgy waters of one of India's most polluted rivers. He is fishing for trash.

"This is the only work we have," said the 40-year-old, sorting through a pile of plastic bottles, bags, and cast-off electronics.

Hundreds of garbage collectors live on the Yamuna's banks in New Delhi, making $2 to $4 per day recycling plastic waste collected from the river. While Nath doesn't think of himself as an environmentalist, he is one of a handful of New Delhi residents waging war against the tsunami of plastic threatening to swamp India. They include a 9th-grade student who convinces posh restaurants to give up plastic straws and a businessman whose company makes plates and bowls from palm leaves.

India, which hosts U.N. World Environment Day on June 5, can use all the help it can get. This year's theme is "Beat Plastic Pollution."

With more than 15 million people, New Delhi and its surrounding cities produce an estimated 17,000 tons of trash daily, according to Indian officials and environmentalists. That requires immense dumps, hills of stinking trash that measure up to 50 meters tall. Last year, two people were killed when a large part of one of the city's dumps crashed down onto them.

"All these products which we use because of convenience take many hundreds of years" to even partially decompose, said Chitra Mukherjee, an environmental expert and head of operations at Chintan.

Mukherjee, who has spent years raising awareness and creating localized efforts to curb plastic pollution credits the Bharatiya Janata Party-led government for making waste management and pollution a more serious issue.

"It is a collaborative effort between not only bureaucrats, but researchers, environmentalists who have been brought on board to make some progressive policies," she said.

But policy and impact can mean different things. Like the repeated bans in New Delhi on using thin plastic bags. The latest regulation came with a hefty $75 fine. Yet a trip to nearly any shop in New Delhi makes clear how widely the ban is flouted.

Amardeep Bardhan believes he can make a difference.

His company, Prakritii, makes plates and bowls from the leaves of south India's areca palm trees. The plateware, which has the feel of thick paper plates, biodegrades in seven to ten days, he said. The company doesn't harvest any palm trees, but waits for leaves to fall to the ground.

"In this entire process, we are not harming the environment," said Bardhan. "We are generating something from the waste, people are loving it, and then it goes back as a waste."

While Prakritii initially made most of its income from exports to Europe and the U.S., Bardhan said the market for eco-friendly products is growing in India, especially among younger people who value quality over price. His company generates more than $150,000 in revenue each year.

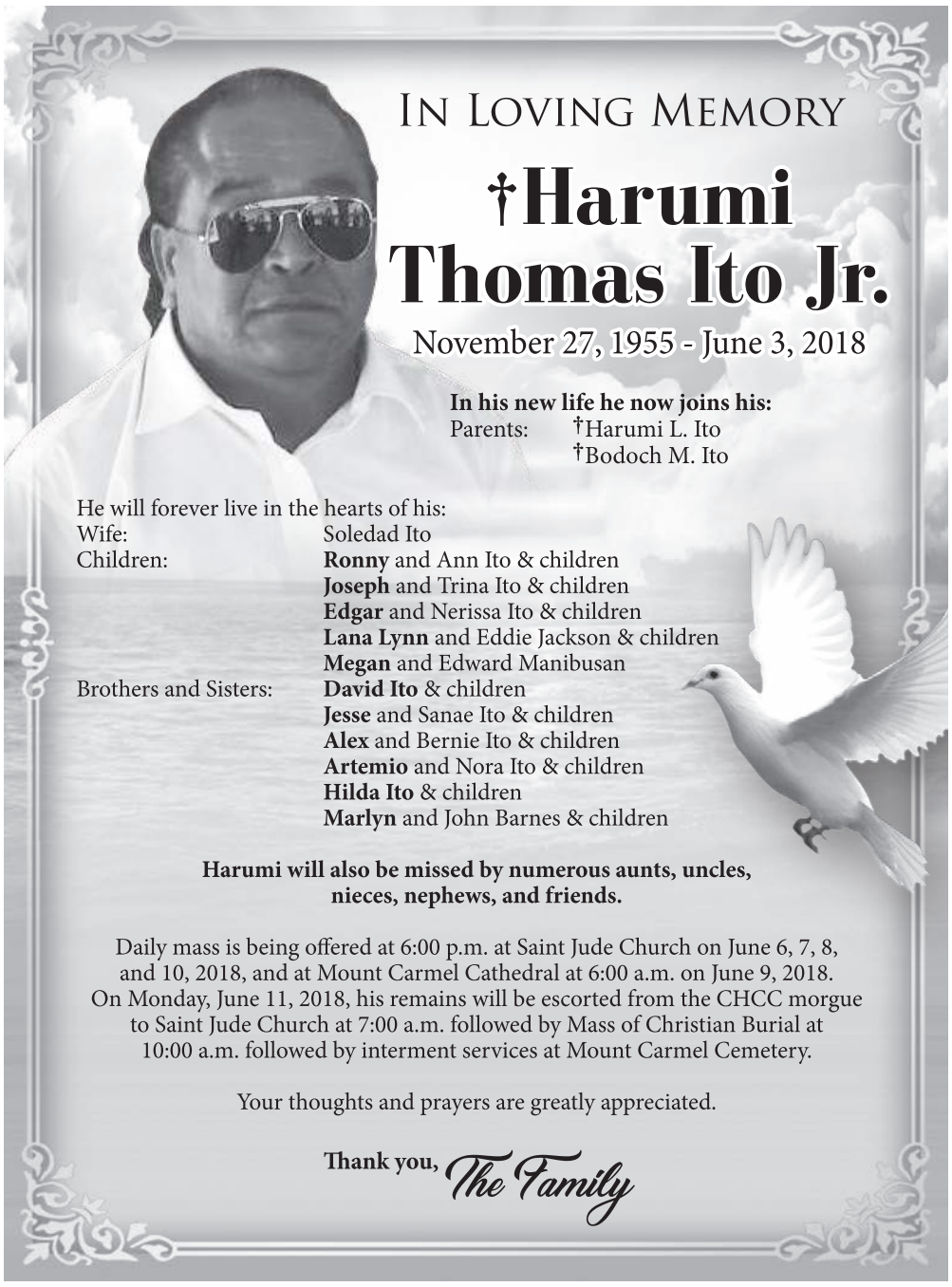
In places, the trend is growing.

Some fancy restaurants in and around New Delhi are doing away with plastic straws and replacing them with paper straws. That's largely because of Aditya Mukarji, a student who launched his campaign after seeing a video of two veterinarians trying to remove a plastic straw from a turtle's nose.

"People listen more to children bringing up environmental concerns," said Mukarji, who has helped replace more than 500,000 plastic straws at restaurants and hotels since he started his campaign in March.

If nothing else, India hosting the World Environment Day has made environmental protection a hot topic—at least briefly—in a country where trash is everywhere. Tuesday will see numerous official environmental gatherings across India, clean up campaigns along the Yamuna and mall food courts agreeing to forgo plastic plateware for one day.

The hope is that everything doesn't go back to normal on Wednesday.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†Harumi Thomas Ito Jr.
November 27, 1955 - June 3, 2018
In his new life he now joins his:
Parents: †Harumi L. Ito
†Bodoch M. Ito
He will forever live in the hearts of his:
Wife: Soledad Ito
Children: Ronny and Ann Ito & children
Joseph and Trina Ito & children
Edgar and Nerissa Ito & children
Lana Lynn and Eddie Jackson & children
Megan and Edward Manibusan
Brothers and Sisters: David Ito & children
Jesse and Sanae Ito & children
Alex and Bernie Ito & children
Artemio and Nora Ito & children
Hilda Ito & children
Marlyn and John Barnes & children
Harumi will also be missed by numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and friends.
Daily mass is being offered at 6:00 p.m. at Saint Jude Church on June 6, 7, 8, and 10, 2018, and at Mount Carmel Cathedral at 6:00 a.m. on June 9, 2018.
On Monday, June 11, 2018, his remains will be escorted from the CHCC morgue to Saint Jude Church at 7:00 a.m. followed by Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. followed by interment services at Mount Carmel Cemetery.
Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated.
Thank you, The Family

Life & Style

Spade remembered as vibrant and colorful, like her creations

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NEW YORK (AP)—Bright. Vibrant. Colorful. And, most essentially, fun.

The same words used so often to describe Kate Spade's enormously popular handbags—"It" bags that were both aspirational and affordable—were an apt description of the woman herself, say many in the fashion world. And that only contributed to the sense of shock and loss in the industry upon hearing the news Tuesday that Spade had apparently taken her own life at 55.

"She was always just as happy and delightful as her collection was," said Fern Mallis, industry consultant and former director of the Council of Fashion Designers of America during Spade's rise to success in the 1990s. "She was every bit the representation of that brand, and the fun of it all."

Indeed, Spade had said it herself: "I hope that people remember me not just as a good businesswoman," she told Glamour magazine in 2002, "but as a great friend—and a heck of a lot of fun."

Spade was found hanged in the bedroom of her Park Avenue apartment Tuesday morning in an apparent suicide, law enforcement officials said.

Spade liked to say that she wasn't obsessed with fashion, or interested in trends. She tried jeans, for example, decided they didn't look good on her, and moved on. "I grew up in the Midwest, where you have to have (a fashion item) because you like it, not because you're supposed to have it," she told The AP in 2004. "It's an adornment, not an obsession."

And a Kate Spade bag was an adornment that was, crucially, affordable, unlike other iterations of "It" bags whose status seemed to hinge on the price tag. "It was a real shift," Mallis said. "Everybody had Kate Spade bags. You could afford them, and happily buy more than one. They were affordable AND terrific AND fabulous."

Having a Spade bag "was a sign that you were in the know," said Eric Wilson, fashion news director at InStyle. "You associated yourself with this fun, cool, with-it, hip brand that wasn't snobbish or so exclusive that it felt like a European luxury brand."

And the bags seemed to effortlessly appeal to a variety of women. "She had a quirky visual language that captivated Bat Mitzvah girls and artists alike," wrote actress Lena Dunham on Twitter. "She was also a staple of NYC who spread goodwill."

This May 13, 2004 photo shows designer Kate Spade during an interview in New York. AP

Born Katherine Brosnahan, Spade grew up in Kansas City, Missouri. She was working as an accessories editor at Mademoiselle magazine when she launched her company with husband Andy in their New York apartment in 1993, based on six shapes of bags she thought every working woman needed. She called them her "stepping stones"—and said years later that they were still her favorites.

As her brand expanded, "the fun, colorful, bright designs she created added an element of cheerfulness others have tried to emulate," said Deidra Arrington, associate professor of fashion design and merchandising at Virginia Commonwealth University. "She was a visionary." One obvious measure of her influence was the number of counterfeit Kate Spade bags one could find on the streets, Arrington said. "Most women remember their first Kate Spade bag. I still have mine."

Indeed, on social media, many women were recalling their first Spade bag. "My grandmother gave me my first Kate Spade bag when I was in college," Chelsea Clinton wrote on Twitter. "I still have it." Jenna Bush Hager wrote: "I will never forget the first Kate Spade bag I got for Christmas in college."

Spade was not only about bags: she would expand into shoes, apparel, luggage and other accessories, and stationery. "Everyone loves to get a letter," Spade told the AP in 2006, explaining that she never used computers and had her staff print out emails. "I love sending them. I love getting them."

Spade, who won multiple CFDA awards and was named a "giant of design" by House Beautiful magazine, walked away from her company in 2007, a year after it was acquired from the Neiman Marcus Group for $125 million by the company then known as Liz Claiborne Inc.

Coach, now known as Tapestry, bought the Kate Spade brand last year for $2.4 billion. Spade and her husband—who is the brother of comedian David Spade—started a new handbag company recently, Frances Valentine.

Wilson, of InStyle, recalled often finding her in her store, helping shoppers. "Often I would walk in and I'd see her there serving customers, not telling them 'I'm Kate Spade' or Kate Valentine, her other alias, but just helping people," he said. "I found her to be just down to earth, a normal mom, talking about the trials and tribulations of raising a child and life in the city."

Celebrities, fashion insiders react

"Fuzzy picture but i love it. Kate and I during Christmas family photos. We had so much fun that day. She was so sharp and quick on her feet. She could make me laugh so hard. I still cant believe it. Its a rough world out there people, try to hang on."—**Brother-in-law and comedian David Spade, via Instagram.**

"#KateSpade, whose lively, colorful, and yes, joyous designs has died. My deepest sympathy to her family and friends, and her many fans around the world, who loved the wonderful illusions she created. I am stunned."—**Bette Midler, via Twitter.**

"My grandmother gave me my first Kate Spade bag when I was in college. I still have it. Holding Kate's family, friends and loved ones in my heart."—**Chelsea Clinton, via Twitter.**

"The CFDA is devastated to hear the news of our friend, colleague, and CFDA member Kate Spade's tragic passing. She was a great talent who had an immeasurable impact on American fashion and the way the world viewed American accessories. We want to honor her life and her major contribution to the fashion business and express our most sincere condolences to the family."—**Diane von Furstenberg, chairman of the Council of Fashion Designers of America, in a statement**.

"Kate Spade was more than a designer. She had a quirky visual language that captivated Bat Mitzvah girls and artists alike. She was also a staple of NYC who spread good will. My heart breaks for her family. Thank you, Kate, from one of the millions you made feel beautiful."—**Lena Dunham, via Twitter.**

"I remember when I got my first Kate Spade bag in high school. It was my most prized possession. My current wallet, covered in bees, makes me smile every time I see it-it's by Kate Spade. My heart is just broken for her family and loved ones."—**Actress Beth Behrs, via Twitter.**

"I will never forget the first Kate Spade bag I got for Christmas in college. She was a trailblazer. Her life and death are a reminder that pain doesn't discriminate. Sending love to her family."—**Jenna Bush Hager, via Twitter.**

"I am heartbroken about the news of Kate Spade. I have worn her clothes many, many times. They were colorful, bold, cheerful, and encouraged women to find the twinkly person inside them. You couldn't walk into her boutiques and not smile. Rest In Peace, Kate."—**Mindy Kaling, via Twitter.**

"It is devastating news to hear of Kate Spade's passing. Neiman Marcus has been a longtime fan and early promoter of Kate Spade. We enjoyed a close relationship with both her and her husband Andy. We send our deepest sympathies to the family and the entire fashion community who are experiencing this loss. Her creative light and bright mind will be greatly missed."—**Neva Hall, executive vice president for Neiman Marcus Stores, in a statement.**

"The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention offers our condolences to her family, friends, and everyone touched by Spade and her creative work."—**American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, in a statement.**

"My heart and prayers go out to Kate Spade and her family. What a wonderful, talented woman who will be dearly missed."—**Reese Witherspoon, via Twitter.**

"The nicest woman, the first person to compliment me on Liz Lange Maternity when I first started. And the creator of the most iconic brand. I am heart broken by this news."—**Designer Liz Lange, via Twitter.**

"Here we are in happier times, I'll miss my dear friend Kate. My thoughts are with her family"—**Designer Cynthia Rowley, with a photo of she and Spade pregnant, via Twitter.**

"Devastated to hear the news about the iconic Kate Spade. A reminder that you often times don't know the internal struggle of another person. For everyone out there who reads this please know you are not alone + you are loved. Sending thoughts and prayers to Kates friends + family"—**Olivia Culpo, via Twitter.**

"As 'unfussy' as I am, I still loved my Kate Spade bags. Practical, classy, and elegant... Praying for her family...her husband and 13 yr old daughter."—**Viola Davis, via Twitter.**

"Just landed in NYC to the news of Kate Spade. What a loss for us. What a loss for the industry. If you or someone you know has suicidal thoughts, please call 1 800 273 TALK or TEXT 741741"—**Stacy London, via Twitter.**

"Kate Spade, the visionary founder of our brand, has passed. Our thoughts are with her family at this incredibly heartbreaking time. We honor all the beauty she brought into this world."—**Kate Spade New York, via Twitter.**

Ariana Grande talks of post-traumatic stress after bombing

LONDON (AP)—Ariana Grande says she has been struggling with some symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder following last year's suicide bomb attack at the end of her concert at Manchester Arena.

The 24-year-old pop star told British Vogue she does not like to talk about her experiences because so many people suffered much worse fates in the May 22, 2017 attack that claimed 22 lives.

"I don't think I'll ever know how to talk about it and not cry," she says, calling the stress disorder "a real thing."

Grande has reached out to victims since the attack and has had an emblem of Manchester—an image of a worker bee—tattooed behind her left ear.

Oprah Winfrey picks prison memoir for her book club

Winfrey

NEW YORK (AP)—Anthony Ray Hinton, wrongly imprisoned for nearly 30 years, can hardly believe how his luck has changed.

Hinton's memoir, "The Sun Does Shine: How I Found Life and Freedom on Death Row," is Oprah Winfrey's latest book club pick, a dream for virtually any writer and beyond the imagination for a man who was once confined to a 5-by-7-foot cell. Tuesday's announcement comes three years after Hinton's release from Jefferson County Jail in Birmingham, Alabama. He had been convicted for two 1985 murders in Birmingham, where he still lives.

Hinton, during a recent telephone interview with The Associated Press, called Winfrey's endorsement "the second biggest surprise" of his life.

"The biggest surprise was being charged with a crime I didn't commit."

Published in March, Hinton's book tells of his conviction for killing two fast-food restaurant workers during separate robberies, and his decades spent on death row. His efforts to overturn the conviction reached the U.S. Supreme Court, which in 2014 unanimously ruled he had been denied a fair trial. Hinton was freed after new ballistics tests contradicted the only evidence—an analysis of crime-scene bullets—that connected Hinton to the slayings. When he finally got out, the words he spoke to loved ones greeting him—"The sun does shine"—became his memoir's title.

Winfrey's book club has created dozens of best-sellers and within hours of Tuesday's announcement "The Sun Does Shine" was No. 1 on Amazon.com, displacing the Bill Clinton-James Patterson thriller "The President is Missing." On Monday night, it was No. 6,861.

Hinton, 61, likened himself to Job as a man who lost everything, but eventually saw his life restored. Speaking of his time in jail, he said, "Every day was hell, every night was hell, every waking moment was hell." But upon leaving, "The sun was shining brighter than I could ever remember it shining."

Harvey Weinstein pleads not guilty

NEW YORK (AP)—The battle lines in Harvey Weinstein's criminal case grew sharper on Tuesday as the movie mogul pleaded not guilty to rape and criminal sex act charges in New York and his lawyer promised a fight.

A lawyer for Weinstein signaled he would use legal challenges to try to derail the case before it reaches trial, even as signs surfaced that prosecutors are showing their own resolve by continuing to interview potential victims.

The not guilty plea marked Weinstein's first court appearance since surrendering on May 25 after months of accusations by dozens of women alleging sexual and other misconduct.

Weinstein limped from an SUV and was escorted past a big crowd of journalists before spending a few minutes answering a series of yes and no questions from the judge asking if he understood his rights.

He didn't stop to speak with journalists or respond to shouted questions and was back in his waiting SUV in just 40 minutes. His attorney, Ben Brafman, told reporters the case was "eminently defensible" based on what they have learned so far about the evidence.

"I think today is the first day of this process. We begin our fight now," he said, adding his defense would include trying to force prosecutors to drop the case. "If we are successful, there may not be a trial."

A grand jury indicted Weinstein last week on charges involving two women.

One of the alleged victims in the criminal case, who has not been identified publicly, told investigators that Weinstein cornered her in a hotel room and raped her. The other accuser, former actress Lucia Evans, has gone public with her account of Weinstein forcing her to perform oral sex at his office in 2004.

The Associated Press does not identify alleged victims of sexual assaults unless they come forward publicly.

The 66-year-old Weinstein has denied all allegations of nonconsensual sex, with Brafman challenging the credibility of his alleged victims. The lawyer has said the unidentified woman who accused Weinstein of rape had a decade-long, consensual sexual relationship with him that continued after the alleged 2013 attack.

"As terrible as the crime of rape is, it is equally reprehensible to be falsely accused," Brafman said.

Prosecutors from the Manhattan district attorney's office reportedly met privately with another woman on Monday after she and two other plaintiffs filed a lawsuit against Weinstein.

According to the suit, Melissa Thompson had a 2011 business meeting that ended with Weinstein holding her down and raping her in a Manhattan hotel room. Through her law firm, Thompson said she was comfortable with being named publicly.

Miss America drops swimsuit portion and won't judge on looks

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP)—When the Miss America pageant started in 1921, having young women parade around in bathing suits seemed like a great way to get tourists to come to the Atlantic City Boardwalk after Labor Day.

But how America views women has changed drastically since then, and the Miss America Organization is run by women who don't think it's such a hot idea.

Accordingly, when the pageant is held this September, nearly a year into the #MeToo era, it will no longer have a swimsuit competition.

"We're not going to judge you on your appearance because we are interested in what makes you you," Gretchen Carlson, a former Miss America and the new head of the organization's board of trustees, said in making the announcement Tuesday on ABC's "Good Morning America."

For decades, women's groups and others had complained that the swimsuit portion was outdated, sexist and more than a little silly.

Carlson, whose sexual harassment lawsuit against Fox News Chairman Roger Ailes led to his departure, said the board had heard from potential contestants who lamented, "We don't want to be out there in high heels and swimsuits."

The announcement came after a shake-up at the organization that resulted in the top three positions being held by women. The overhaul was triggered by an email scandal last December in which Miss America officials mocked winners' intelligence, looks and sex lives.

In this Sept. 13, 2015, file photo, contestants wear swimsuits as they compete in the 2016 Miss America pageant in Atlantic City, N.J. AP

Bill Clinton says 'Today' interview wasn't his 'finest hour'

WASHINGTON (AP)—Former President Bill Clinton is acknowledging that his combative response earlier this week to questions about Monica Lewinsky wasn't his "finest hour."

Still, Clinton says, "It was very painful thing that happened 20 years ago," adding that he had to "live with the consequences every day since."

In an interview with NBC's "Today" released Monday, Clinton bristled at questions over whether he should have resigned 20 years ago because of his sexual relationship with the White House intern.

Clinton was asked Tuesday by the host of CBS' "Late Show," Stephen Colbert, if he realized why some people thought his response was "tone-deaf" in light of the MeToo movement.

The ex-president responded, "It wasn't my finest hour," adding, "I was mad at me—not for the first time."

Fake flower prompts emotional reaction from effended widow

DEAR ABBY: My brother-in-law died a month ago and was cremated by the local affiliate of a prominent funeral home. To make it easier for my sister, I accompanied her to the mortuary to pick up her husband's remains. I walked in alone, and as I returned to the car with his urn, a young funeral home employee in a black suit and scuffed shoes followed me. Through the window of the car, he presented my sister an artificial red rose and said, "We're sorry for your loss."

My sister and I were appalled by the insincerity of this gesture, and I called and told the funeral home director that the sentiments were as phony as the rose. He said, "I thought it was a great idea," and couldn't understand our reaction. Were we wrong?

RESENTING PHONY SENTIMENTS

DEAR RESENTING: Yes, you were. When people are grieving, emotions are sometimes raw, so I'm not going to scold you. However, your response to the young man was ungracious. All that needed to be said was, "No, thank you."

DEAR ABBY: My mother-in-law keeps buying us decorator items that don't have a place in our home. While I appreciate the effort and the thought, I have no more closet space in which to store them. I was taught to accept gifts and express gratitude, even if you don't like them.

My mother-in-law is coming to visit in a few weeks, and my husband insists we should display the items she's purchased for us. This would entail putting holes in my walls, as she tends to get us items that need to be hung. I don't think we should have to go through this charade just to appease her. It will only encourage her to buy us more things. What should I do?

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DEAR N.M.C.G.: It won't destroy your home to display one (or two) of the items your MIL has given you while she's visiting. But while she's there, make sure she opens the closet where you have stored all the other items she has sent "because she's such a generous doll you can't possibly use them all." When she leaves, sell the gifts or donate them, then pray she takes the hint.

DEAR ABBY: I need your advice. I'm in love with a wonderful man. He says he likes and respects me but does not love me. I desperately want his love, but have agreed to be friends with benefits in the hope that in the future he may come to love me. Should I continue with this, and is there a future for me?

HOPEFUL IN TELANGANA, INDIA

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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DEAR HOPEFUL: For many people, liking and respecting someone would make the person a candidate for marriage. The bad news is, the man you care so much about is not one of them. The good news is, there are many eligible, emotionally available men who might value what you have to offer. Time is precious. If you want your future to be a happy one, be glad your friend with benefits has been honest with you, cut your losses and look elsewhere for love.

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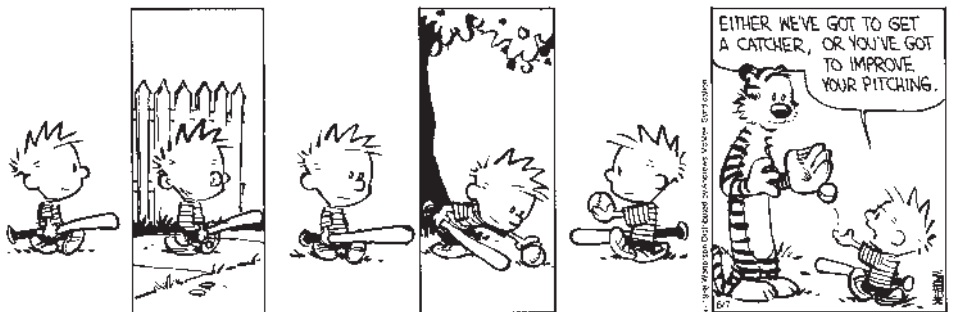
By Bill Waterson



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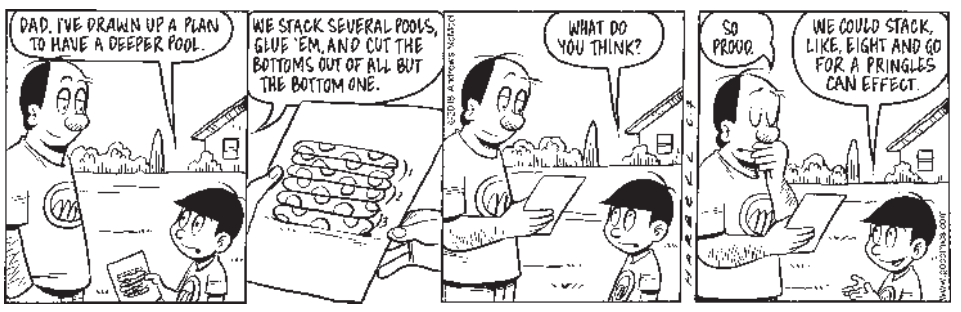
By Bryan Basset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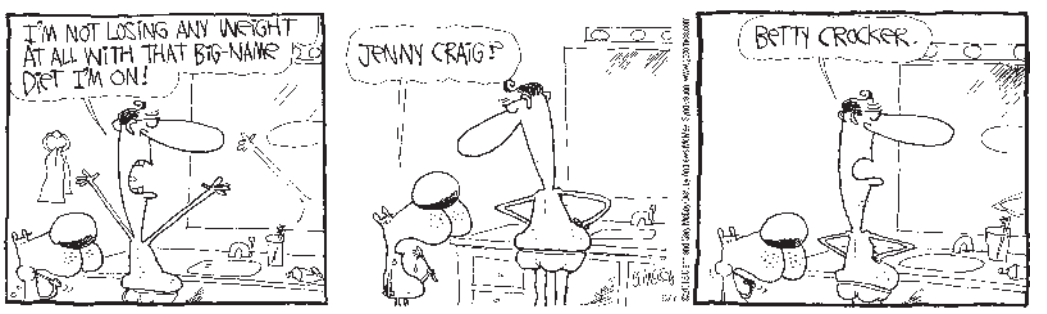
The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



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By Eugene Sheffer

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8 Remain
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14 Horse play?
15 Eve's man
16 Scooted
17 Singer Anita
18 Energetic person
20 2006 Winter Olympics city
22 Xmas time
23 Pint-sized
24 — Romeo
27 Necessitates
32 Kanga's kid
33 Gorilla
34 Mouths (Lat.)
35 Gold depository
38 Quarry
39 Before
40 Equal (Pref.)
42 Acropolis locale
45 Barrel maker
49 Timely query?
50 — Jima
52 Exemplar of thinness
53 Burden
54 Buddhist sect
55 Set down
56 Bath bubbles
57 UFO crew
58 New newts

DOWN
1 Incite
2 Opie's dad
3 Cash advance
4 Fleet
5 Casablanca denizen
6 Italian article
7 Bloke
8 Fern seeds
9 Exquisite
10 Arkin of "Argo"
11 Vacillate
19 Yours truly
21 Hogwarts messenger
24 Canine cry
25 Privy
26 It may get hot if you have a fever
28 Mil. address
29 Dictionaries
30 Tram load
31 Shaft of light
36 Pollster's finds
37 Understanding
38 Curly-haired dog
41 Therefore
42 Piercing tools
43 Grand
44 Dimension
46 Chanteuse Edith
47 Send forth
48 Cincinnati team
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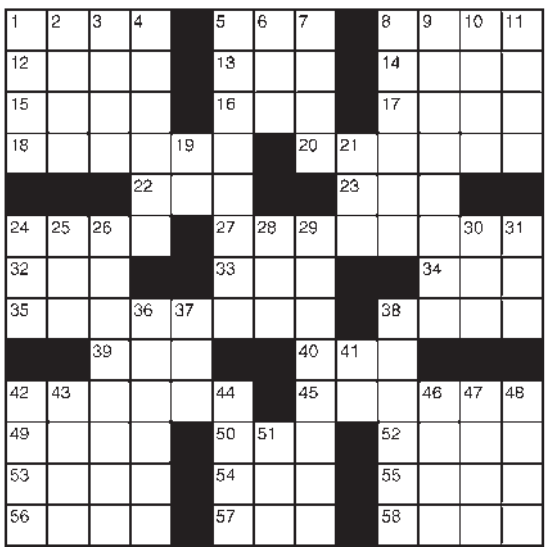

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Happy Birthday: Plan to make a change this year that will help propagate new beginnings, learning something that will help you advance or encourage a healthier and more self-sufficient lifestyle. Make choices based on facts, figures and health concerns. Don't give in to someone trying to lead you astray using emotional manipulation. Do what's best for you. Make choices based on truth. Your numbers are 3, 11, 16, 20, 29, 36, 49.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Be secretive about any personal changes you want to make. The less people know about what you are doing, the easier it will be to complete your mission without someone meddling in your affairs. Choose intelligence over sentiment. ✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* The changes you make should be thought out before you begin. A mistake can end up costing you your position or your assets. Weigh the pros and cons before you leverage what you've worked so hard to obtain. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Don't fold under pressure. Someone will try to persuade you to take on the impossible. Share your concerns and offer advice, but don't sign up for something you can't manage. Choose to go it alone and do things your way. ✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* An unusual partnership or connection you have with someone will develop into something you didn't expect. Don't be afraid to see where it leads. What you discover will help you bring about positive change, which will do you good. ✪✪✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Make changes for the right reason. Doing something out of spite or to hide something you probably shouldn't be doing from someone who cares about you will lead to regret. Think twice before you make an untimely choice. ✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Stick to what you know, and do what you can to maintain balance and to forge ahead with integrity. Refuse to let anyone take advantage of you or to take credit for your hard work. Someone will disappoint you. ✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Get out and explore new possibilities. Avoid what's going on at home or work that could label you or lump you in with people who do not share your beliefs or standards. Use intelligence and leave your options open. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Be creative, but don't go overboard. Know your limitations and refuse to let anyone put pressure on you to take part in something risky. Focus on good health and looking your very best. Choose love and romance over disruption. ✪✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Live and learn. Don't let someone who has let you down in the past do so again. Question anything that sounds dubious or that might jeopardize your relationship with someone who matters to you. Protect a personal relationship and your integrity. ✪✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* You may need a change, but before you get started, it's best to have a budget in place. It's OK to think big, but don't let ego or someone else talk you into taking on something you cannot handle. ✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Time is precious and must be designated wisely. Don't disappoint someone you love because something that sounds like more fun comes along. Live up to your promises and make family and domestic situations priorities to avoid discord. ✪✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* Emotions will be difficult to control. Avoid getting into a discussion with someone who is never going to agree with you. Do your own thing and pay close attention to where you put your possessions or how you handle your assets. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are imaginative, animated and reflective. You are captivating and willful.

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Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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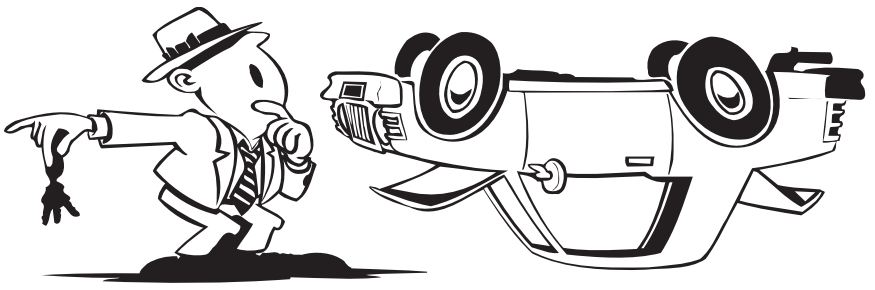

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NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION, Plaintiff,	:	**CIVIL ACTION NO. 16-0131**
-v-	:	
The Estate of GABRIEL D. DELA CRUZ and ROSA M. DELA CRUZ, Defendants.	:	

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on March 27, 2018, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: Lot no. 005 I 516, situated in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 743 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat no. 2084/82, the original of which was registered with the Land Registry as Document no. 14232 dated May 14, 1982, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

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Deceased.	:	

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Teodoro I. Albia has filed an Petition for Letters of Administration upon the Estate of George Cruz Duenas, deceased; and that the said Petition will be heard by the Court on August 2, 2018, at the hour 9:00 a.m.

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Djokovic stunned by foe suspected for game fixing

AP
Serbia's Novak Djokovic reacts after missing a shot against Italy's Marco Cecchinato in the tie break of the fourth set of their quarterfinal match at the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, France, Tuesday, June 5, 2018.

PARIS (AP)—It was difficult to discern which was less likely: that 12-time major champion Novak Djokovic would falter in his French Open quarterfinal or that Marco Cecchinato, who never won a Grand Slam match until last week and once faced a possible ban for losing on purpose, would rise to the occasion.

Either way, Tuesday's outcome was stunning. To both men. And to anyone watching.

Djokovic, bothered by neck and leg problems, went from two sets down to the verge of forcing a fifth, but he frittered away good chances and in the end was beaten by the 72nd-ranked Cecchinato 6-3, 7-6 (4), 1-6, 7-6 (11) in a rollicking match filled with engaging exchanges and plenty of drama.

"A hard one to swallow," a glum Djokovic acknowledged during a brief news conference, in which he delivered clipped answers and said he might not play during the upcoming grass-court season.

Cecchinato is the lowest-ranked French Open semifinalist in 19 years and the first Italian man to make it that far at any major in 40 years.

"The best moment of my life," Cecchinato said.

Djokovic served for the fourth set at 5-3—"I thought," Cecchinato would say, "my Roland Garros was about to end"—but the 2016 French Open champion got broken. Djokovic then held three set points in the tiebreaker—"I saw ghosts," Cecchinato would joke—but couldn't convert.

"A pity," Djokovic said.

At 7-6 in the closing tiebreaker, he pushed a backhand long. At 8-7, Cecchinato ended a 20-stroke exchange with a swinging volley winner. At 9-8, Djokovic flubbed a forehand, knelt and clasped his hands together as if praying, then raised an index finger as if to plea, "Let me have ONE of these!"

"I had a lot of courage, especially toward the end of the tiebreaker," Cecchinato said. "I was cool. Clear-headed. My heart was beating 1,000 mph. It wasn't easy. My hand was even shaking a little."

Cecchinato (it's pronounced cheh-key-NAH'-toe) came through on his fourth match point, looping in a backhand return winner as Djokovic tried to surprise him with a serve-and-volley attempt.

The 25-year-old Cecchinato dropped onto his back on the clay, then sat in his sideline chair, bowed his head and cried.

Told in an on-court interview that he wasn't dreaming, Cecchinato responded: "Are you sure?"

Consider that Cecchinato has never won a tour-level match on a surface other than red clay; as it is, he entered this season with a career record of 4-23 and entered this tournament with a Grand Slam record of 0-4.

Then there's this: The 25-year-old from Sicily was suspended for 18 months and fined 40,000 euros (about $45,000) by his national federation in July 2016 for allegedly fixing a match by losing at a lower-tier Challenger event in Morocco a year earlier. Cecchinato appealed and, eventually, the Italian Olympic Committee announced that the sanctions were dropped on a technicality.

He has declined to discuss the case in Paris.

On Friday, Cecchinato will face No. 7 seed Dominic Thiem of Austria, who made it to his third consecutive French Open semifinal by beating No. 2 Alexander Zverev of Germany 6-4, 6-2, 6-1. As the score indicates, that was far less compelling, in part because Zverev felt pain in his left hamstring 10 minutes into the match and wound up having his leg taped by a trainer.

Zverev was coming off a trio of wins that went five sets and, while still just 21, could not will his body to another comeback.

"He's one of the fittest guys on tour," Thiem said, "and even for him, it's maybe even a little bit too tough to play three five-setters."

In the women's quarterfinals, No. 10 Sloane Stephens beat No. 14 Daria Kasatkina of Russia 6-3, 6-1, and No. 13 Madison Keys eliminated unseeded Yulia Putintseva of Kazakhstan 7-6 (5), 6-4. Stephens beat Keys in the U.S. Open final last September, and Thursday's rematch will be the first all-American women's semifinal at the French Open since Serena Williams defeated Jennifer Capriati in 2002.

That Cecchinato would be a semifinal participant was far harder to predict.

In the first round at Roland Garros, he dropped the first two sets against Marius Copil, a player ranked 94th, before coming all the way back to win 10-8 in the fifth.

"Seems like a month ago," Cecchinato said with a laugh Tuesday, when he answered reporters' questions in Italian, Spanish and English.

Since then, employing a smooth one-handed backhand, he has beaten players seeded No. 8 (David Goffin) and No. 10 (Pablo Carreno Busta), before adding Djokovic to his list.

Scherzer gets 13 strikeouts in Nats' win over Rays

WASHINGTON (AP)—Max Scherzer pitched eight strong innings to become the first 10-game winner in the majors this season, striking out 13 in the Washington Nationals' 4-2 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays on Tuesday night.

Scherzer (10-1) won his ninth consecutive decision while scattering five hits and did not allow a runner past second base until pinch hitter Brad Miller's two-out double in the eighth.

Sean Doolittle pitched the ninth for his 15th save in 16 opportunities.

Scherzer struck out Johnny Field, Christian Arroyo and Daniel Robertson on a combined nine pitches in the sixth inning. It was the third nine pitch/three strikeout inning in Nationals history and the first since Scherzer did it against Philadelphia on May 14, 2017.

Diamondbacks 3, Giants 2

In San Francisco, Madison Bumgarner tossed six solid innings in his long-awaited season debut but was outpitched by Patrick Corbin.

More than two months after breaking the pinkie on his pitching hand during his final start of spring training, Bumgarner (0-1) allowed two runs and eight hits in his first regular-season outing.

Angels 1, Royals 0

In Anaheim, Andrew Heaney pitched a one-hitter on his 27th birthday to lead Los Angeles.

Heaney (3-4) only allowed a single to Hunter Dozier with one out in the fifth and needed 116 pitches to pitch his first complete game.

Red Sox 6, Tigers 0

In Boston, J.D. Martinez hit his 20th home run, Steven Wright pitched seven sharp innings in his first start of the season and Boston blanked Detroit.

Xander Bogaerts also homered for the Red Sox, who have won six of eight and hold the best record in the majors at 42-19.

Yankees 7, Blue Jays 2

In Toronto, Miguel Andujar hit his first career grand slam, CC Sabathia pitched seven innings to snap a five-start winless streak and New York won for the sixth time in seven games.

Aaron Hicks added a three-run blast as the Yankees improved to 30-9 since a 9-9 start.

Dodgers 5, Pirates 0

In Pittsburgh, Joc Pederson, Yaisel Puig and Cody Bellinger hit home runs and surging Los Angeles won its fourth straight and 14th in the last 18.

Pittsburgh has been shut out three times in a week and dropped 13 of 17 overall to fall to .500 (30-30) for the first time this season.

Twins 4, White Sox 2, Game 1

White Sox 6, Twins 3, Game 2

In Minneapolis, Jose Abreu hit a two-run homer in the first inning of the second game of a doubleheader to spoil Zack Littell's major league debut and help Chicago bounce back from a late lapse in the opener.

In the first game, Eduardo Escobar hit a three-run homer with two outs in the eighth against Nate Jones (2-2)

Orioles 2, Mets 1

In New York, Alex Cobb delivered his best performance since signing a rich contract with Baltimore late in spring training, helping the Orioles break a seven-game losing streak by beating New York.

The major league-worst Orioles ended their longest skid of the season and sent the slumping Mets to their fifth loss in a row.

Indians 3, Brewers 2

In Cleveland, Corey Kluber scattered seven hits in seven strong innings and moved into a tie for the American League lead with his ninth win, leading Cleveland past Milwaukee.

Kluber (9-2) gave up a run, struck out seven and didn't walk a batter for the fifth straight start, a stretch of 35 1/3 innings.

Rockies 9, Reds 6

In Cincinatti, Chris Iannetta hit a two-run homer off Anthony DeSclafani in his return to the mound, and Carlos Gonzalez added a three-run shot to power Colorado.

The Rockies ended a four-game losing streak that was their longest since they dropped eight in a row last June.

Mariners 7, Astros 1

In Houston, Kyle Seager, Mike Zunino and Jean Segura all homered off Dallas Keuchel early to back up another solid start by James Paxton and lead Seattle to its fifth straight win.

The Mariners, now two games ahead of the defending champion Astros atop the AL West, got going early as Seager hit a three-run homer in a four-run first.

Rangers 7, Athletics 4

In Arlington, Adrian Beltre led off the eighth inning with a tie-breaking homer, one of Texas' season-high five on the night.

Shin-Soo Choo, Robinson Chirinos and Profar also homered for Texas.

Phillies 6, Cubs 1

In Chicago, Zach Eflin pitched into the eighth inning, Nick Williams homered and Philadelphia snapped a three-game slide.

Marlins 7, Cardinals 4

In St. Louis, Brian Anderson and J.T. Riddle homered to help a shaky Jose Urena get his first win of the season as Miami stopped a six-game losing streak.

Braves 14, Padres 1

In San Diego, Freddie Freeman homered among his four hits, Dansby Swanson and Nick Markakis also went deep and Atlanta routed San Diego.

LeBron, Cavs home looking to turn around finals

CLEVELAND (AP)—LeBron James laughed as he came around the backstage partition after arriving fashionably late for his crowded, post-practice news conference.

As he stepped onto the podium, back among friendly faces and in the building where he has done some of his finest work, James seemed at ease, almost content. No signs of stress anywhere.

Moments later, his demeanor shifted.

A few reminders about his team's urgent predicament against Golden State, questions about President Donald Trump and another review of Cleveland's heartbreaking loss in Oakland swung his emotions.

"I know it feels like we're down 2-0, and I don't like the way I feel," James said. "I don't like the mood that I'm in right now. There's no, like, `OK, you're down 2-0 and you feel better than when you're down 2-0 before.' When you're down like this, in a deficit like this—versus a team like this—there's no good feeling. So I don't feel good about it."

The Cavaliers may be in a dark place.

For the third time in the past four Finals, James and his teammates enter Game 3 against the Warriors in a win-or-make-summer-vacation-plans situation. After they wasted a 51-point effort by James—with a reversed official's call, missed free throw by George Hill and bone-headed move from J.R. Smith—and let Game 1 slip away in overtime , and following Stephen Curry's 3-point barrage in Game 2 , the Cavs are faced with the reality that their season, strange as it has been to this point, is in serious jeopardy.

However, coach Tyronn Lue, who plans to give disappointing forward Rodney Hood playing time on Wednesday night, feels his team can change the complexion of this series.

"We're very confident we can do that," Lue said. "The guys are engaged and locked in. Winning tomorrow is a step forward, but then going out with Game 4 also. We're locked into doing that, and we know we can.

"We believe."

It's easy to understand Lue's confidence. After what the Cavaliers have experienced this season, a 2-0 deficit in the Finals against a star-studded Warriors squad on the cusp of being stamped as a modern-day dynasty seems manageable.

Cleveland has endured injuries, trades, tragedy and drama for months. The Cavs, who climbed from a 2-0 hole to beat Boston in the conference finals, have major roster holes and unfixable flaws. There's no denying their toughness.

"We've been very persistent and very resilient throughout this whole season, no matter what has been going on," James said. "We have an opportunity to come home and protect home, as Golden State has done. It's a very tall task. A very tough challenge going against these guys, going against this team."

AP

Cleveland Cavaliers center Tristan Thompson works on his shot following practice Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at Quicken Loans Arena in Cleveland, Ohio. LeBron James and the Cavaliers have spent this strange season in one predicament after the next. And while they've successfully overcome all types of adversity, a 2-0 deficit in the NBA Finals against the Golden State Warriors represents their biggest challenge yet.

Teams that have taken a 2-0 lead are 29-4 in the Finals, but the Warriors know better than to be overconfident. They've learned the hard way.

Golden State held a 3-1 lead in the 2016 Finals before the Cavs rallied to win three straight and dethrone the Dubs. And last year, the Warriors trailed by six with 3:09 left before storming back to win 118-113 in Game 3.

Cleveland has won eight straight playoff games at Quicken Loans Arena, which may be louder than ever with hometown fans still frothing from some calls that went against the Cavaliers in the Bay Area last week.

Just the sight of Warriors forward Draymond Green should be enough to push the decibel readings inside the building to unsafe levels.

"I don't really think about being up 2-0 because the series could turn so fast," Warriors star Kevin Durant said. "It's a great position to be in. I don't want to take that for granted; don't get me wrong. But the job is not done, and you can't relax or be comfortable when you're still trying to win this thing. We know coming on the road is going to be tougher."

The Warriors may have Andre Iguodala back for the first time in the series.

One of the team's best defenders, Iguodala has missed six straight games with a left knee injury suffered in Game 3 of the Western Conference finals. Coach Steve Kerr said the 34-year-old has improved.

"He's getting closer, and I'm hopeful that he can play," Kerr said. "If not tomorrow, then in Game 4."

While Kerr looked forward, James was forced to take another glance back at Game 1.

On Sunday, uncut TV footage showed James uncomfortably sitting on Cleveland's bench next to Smith, who inexplicably dribbled out the final seconds of regulation. James was shown asking Lue if the team had any timeouts and then reacting as if he had been punched in the stomach when he learned the Cavs could have stopped the clock.

"Damn cameras," James joked when asked about the video. "I finally got Game 1 out of my head. You're taking me back, huh?"

James, who is averaging 40 points, 10.5 assists and 8.5 rebounds in two games, abstains from social media during the postseason. He was unaware the video went viral or that he's being criticized for not inspiring his teammates.

"Me being criticized? I don't believe that," he said sarcastically. "I don't care at all. I mean, we're in the NBA Finals. How much more picking up of teammates do you want me to do?"

Livingston, McGee giving Warriors big lift

CLEVELAND (AP)—Shaun Livingston and JaVale McGee have been giving the Golden State Warriors a huge lift in these NBA Finals by making every shot they take look easy.

Then again, they all have been easy.

Livingston is a perfect 9 for 9 from the field in this championship series. McGee is 8 for 9, and his lone miss came when he tried a dunk and stuffed the ball into the rim instead. The average distance of their made field goals is a staggeringly close 3 1/2 feet, which is basically gimme range in golf and darn close to gimme range in basketball as well—especially at this level.

For as spectacular as LeBron James has been in the first two games, his Cleveland Cavaliers are down 2-0 largely because the Warriors' supporting cast members like Livingston and McGee—journeymen of sorts—are soundly outplaying their Cavs' counterparts.

Stephen Curry is playing like an NBA Finals MVP, Kevin Durant and Klay Thompson have been brilliant, and Draymond Green is quietly averaging a near triple-double. But the Warriors' motto is "strength in numbers," and Livingston and McGee are personifying that.

"It's just being aggressive, being in the right spot too," Livingston said. "It's nothing really magical about what I do or how I've been playing. I've been fortunate enough to, you know, shoot at a high clip. But a lot of those are dunks. Also, just being in the right spot on the court."

Livingston has taken three jumpers, all of them mid-rangers of about 13 feet, in this series. Everything else has been at the rim. McGee made one shot from about 6 feet; his other eight attempts from the floor have basically been dunks.

McGee was moved into the starting lineup for Game 2. He said Tuesday that he doesn't know if he'll stay there for Game 3 in Cleveland on Wednesday night.

"These are some of the greatest teams in the world, ever," McGee said. "It's a beautiful thing to be a part of it and to be a contributor in it."

It's a difficult enough spot for the Cavaliers to deal with Curry, particularly when he is coming off an NBA Finals-record nine 3-pointers in Game 2. It's daunting to deal with Durant, one of the few guys in the league who can post up against James, turn and face the four-time MVP and shoot over him with relative ease. It's maddening to chase Thompson around and have him get shots off using his super-quick release, even when he's fairly well covered.

Golden State opponents expect that.

Livingston and McGee shooting 17 for 18, that just doesn't seem fair.

"I think when you're locked in and you're trying to take away K.D., you're trying to take away Steph and Klay, Livingston, McGee, they're going to get some shots," Cavaliers coach Tyronn Lue said. "We've just got to do a better job of taking away the easy dunks and layups around the basket. When you're focusing on those three guys, other guys are going to get shots. But we've got to do a good job of just taking away the easy ones."

McGee got the Warriors off and running in Game 2 with two easy dunks to open the game. Golden State never trailed.

Livingston said that wound up being a huge energy boost for Golden State, and he knows that the Cavaliers will aim to take the easy ones at the rim away in Game 3. As such, the Warriors might already have a counter in mind for whatever anticipated adjustment Cleveland makes.

"Coaches, I think they have a good game plan moving forward, seeing maybe what kind of adjustments Cleveland can make," Livingston said. "We just have to be ready. Steph, Kevin, Klay, our scorers, they take the majority of the load, right? So they get a lot of the attention and the pressure. I think we have to be ready, all us other guys, to relieve some of that pressure."

Ronaldo begins World Cup prep amid Madrid doubts

PORTUGAL (AP)—Surrounded by doubts about his future at Real Madrid, Cristiano Ronaldo is bringing some unwanted distraction to Portugal ahead of the World Cup.

Ronaldo joined Portugal's squad on Monday, with just about everyone wondering what he will say about his situation with Real Madrid.

For the second straight year, Ronaldo linking with the national team is being marred by talks about his club. The same thing happened before the Confederations Cup, when a Portuguese daily published a report saying Ronaldo wanted to leave Real Madrid after being accused of tax fraud in Spain.

This time, it was Ronaldo himself who raised doubts about his future, saying moments after the Champions League final that it "was very beautiful" to have played with the Spanish club.

Ronaldo said he would reveal his future plans when he joined the national team, and that time has arrived, putting the spotlight on the star forward and not so much on Portugal's World Cup preparations.

Ronaldo practiced on Monday but didn't speak to the media.

"He is very strong mentally," Portugal midfielder Joao Moutinho said. "This is not going to affect any of our players. We are all focused on what we need to do here with the national team. It's the only thing that matters."

AP

Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo controls the ball during a team training session, in Oeiras, outside Lisbon, Monday, June 4 2018.

Ronaldo joined Portugal later than the other players because of the Champions League final.

The defending European champions have already played two World Cup warmup matches, drawing with Tunisia 2-2 and with Belgium 0-0. The team's final friendly will be against Algeria on Thursday, when Ronaldo will likely be available to boost the attack.

A five-time world player of the year, Ronaldo has a contract with Madrid until 2021. But he and his agents could be seeking a salary increase in a market that has boomed since Neymar's record transfer from Barcelona to Paris Saint-Germain.

Madrid president Florentino Perez has always made Ronaldo a priority, and this time his importance to the club could be even greater after coach Zinedine Zidane decided to quit and with Gareth Bale also possibly on his way out.

Since Ronaldo's comments after the Champions League final, there have been widespread rumors about him joining PSG or returning to Manchester United.

SFA to host Saipan fishing tournament next month

The Saipan Fishermen's Association will hold the 34th Annual Saipan International Fishing Tournament on July 14 and 15.

Last year, more than 60 boats and 200 fishermen and crew competed in the two-day fishing derby, with *Debbi I* catching the tournament grand prize with its 384.50-lbs marlin.

"The SFA also has been meeting in preparation for the big day, and we're pleased to announce the tournament dates so that interested participants can start preparing for another great tournament," SFA president Gene Weaver said.

Game fish categories are (Top 3): Bill Fish, Yellow Fin, Wahoo, Mahi Mahi, and Skipjack. Prizes will also be awarded for total weight and grand winner, while SFA will hand over a special prize to the first participant to land a marlin weighing over the record 942 lbs.

The tournament registration cost is $150 per boat, inclusive of a captain and one crew member. Each additional angler is $25. Pre-registration will be held at Smiling Cove Marina on Friday, July 13, from 5pm to 6:30 p.m., where SFA will provide a tournament briefing. The tournament will begin at 6am and end at 6pm each day at designated launching points and times only.

The tournament is supported by the Marianas Visitors Authority.

"Sport fishing is a niche market that the MVA is pleased to continually join the Saipan Fisherman's Association in promoting it," said MVA Community Projects manager Martin Duenas. "We always look forward to welcoming our competitors from Guam, and with earlier announcement of this year's tournament, we hope to attract more fishermen from the region and internationally."

Companies interested in purchasing an advertising space in the tournament booklet or individuals wanting more information may contact MVA Community Projects specialist Ed Diaz at 1-670-664-3200, email ediaz@mymarianas, or log on to the SFA website at www.sfacnmi.com. ***(PR)***

Best Hat prize for Sophia Walk announced

Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan general manager Wendi Herring said.

Registration is available now at Fiesta Resort & Spa, Kanoa Resort, Century Hotel, and iSHOP. Registrations can also be picked up at CHCC Gift Shop. Checks can be made payable to CHCC Volunteers Association. Early registration is $10 per person (ages 4 and over) on or before June 22 and increases to $15 per person on event day. The first 500 participants will receive a commemorative T-shirt, courtesy of the Tan Siu Lin Foundation.

Registration on June 23 opens at 6:30am with the walk starting at 7am at Fiesta beach. Participants will walk/run from towards Micro Beach, through Smiling Cove parking lot and up to the top of the Eloy S. Inos Peace Park and back. The course measures approximately six kilometers and will offer participants a raffle and refreshments plus the Best Hat award. All proceeds from the event will benefit the CHCC Volunteers Association.

For more information, email sophiawalksaipan@gmail.com or call Fiesta Resort at 234-6412. ***(PR)***

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a no contest, with the league-leading and pennant champion Ol'Aces Real Deal again exploding for 100-plus points.

As expected, the Ol'Aces built an early double-digit lead against the 670 Sonics XVI, 20-7, behind the 7 points apiece of Dean Blake and K.J. Kabiriel.

N-Nes Siech, Coby Santos, and E.J. Abejo joined the scoring surge in the next three quarters to hand the Ol'Aces Real Deal a 64-point winning margin.

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plate and faced relief pitcher Joel Norita. Agulto eventually flied out but it was after Iguel stole home to knot the count and send the game to an extra inning.

Neither team scored in the first extra inning, as the best that the Falcons and Braves could do were walked to first.

Then at the top of the second extra inning, Aven Evangelista shattered the deadlock, 7-6, when he walked and advanced to second and third off the Braves errors before making it home off a passed ball. Norita had a chance to make it an 8-6 advantage when he also walked and stole second, but closer Iguel struck out Maratita for the third out. Iguel earlier fanned leadoff batter Kavika Fernandez and then worked out a 1-3 play on Isaiah Teigita for the first two outs at the top of the ninth inning.

At the bottom ninth, the Braves tied the match anew, 7-7, as Iguel's sacrifice fly brought home leadoff batter Tyrese Camacho. Vicente Camacho's line drive was then caught by Fernandez for the second out, while Josenio Alvarez singled and stole second to boost the Braves' chances of ending the pennant-deciding match. However, Alvarez was stuck there after Falcons shortstop Maratita caught a fly from Agulto.

The nip-and-tuck battle continued in the 10th inning with Jones putting the Falcons on top anew, 8-7, as he moved to first of a fielder's choice, made it to second and third off the Braves' miscues, and reached off a passed ball. The Falcons then had several chances to gain more cushion as they had runners and second and third, but Braves catcher Agulto caught a fly from Evangelista to end the inning. Earlier, Agulto also saved the day for the Braves when he picked up the ball and threw to third, allowing J.P. Celis to tag out Arby Yaguel.

Celis had his moments, too, at the bottom of the 10th inning, as he led off with a triple and reached off Maratita's error. The Falcons then booted out the next three batters of the Braves to stretch the match to its fourth extra inning.

At the top of the 11th inning, the Falcons had a rough start when Teigita went down on a 4-3 play. Norita then singled, but remained there when Iguel struck out Maratita. Another 4-3 putout play—Yaguel out—ended the inning and eventually the Falcons' hopes for the pennant, as the Braves finally wrapped up the extended game at the bottom of the 11th.

Tyrese Camacho began the deciding-inning with a base hit, while Iguel flied out at home. Camacho then stole bases twice and with just one out and runners on first and second, he reached, thanks to a passed ball.

Meanwhile, the playoff round in the Senior and Junior League divisions will have to be played next week, as SLLB players and officials will be heading to Rota this weekend for the 2018 CNMI District Meet.

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thought of quitting. What worried me was the cut-off time. We were given only 17 hours to finish the entire event. A single mistake or bike malfunction will be very costly," the sexagenarian said.

Sitchon picked the dragging and two-loop bike race the toughest part of the event.

"It took me more than 7 hours sitting on a saddle along the 180K stretch of Subic-Clark-Tarlac Expressway. The temperature reached 34 Celsius (93.2 Fahrenheit) and I felt like I was a fire-breathing dragon, as I sensed the heat of my breath every time I exhale during the bike ride. Psychologically, you need to think of anything positive while doing the long ride," said Sitchon, who finished the bike race in 7:37:51 and the swim and run legs in 1:42:05 and 6:23:25, respectively.

Though he was proud to finish the Ironman, Sitchon is more pleased with the preparation he did to get there.

"Finishing an Ironman race is every triathletes' dream. It has been my aspiration to finish a full Ironman from the time I started doing triathlon. This is something glorious for me because I trained hard for it," he said.

"We only see those participants who crossed the finish line. What we do not see is the preparations they put into their training in order to reach the point of finishing the race. It was a no ordinary race," added Sitchon, who needed eight months to get ready for the event and devised a training plan for the race.

Will he do it again?

"Yes, because I know this is the result of all the sacrifices I made…Given another chance at another favorable condition, I think I can do better next time. I need to do it while I still can—while my knees are still strong enough to race," said Manny, who started painting the roof of their house in Manila yesterday as a recovery workout.

"Next target is the mother of all triathlons—the Kona Ironman in Hawaii. It's going to be a long shot, but who knows? Why shoot the stars if you can shoot for the moon?"

WORLD CUP PREVIEW

France undisputed choice in Group C

(Editor's Note: Saipan Tribune will run a series of stories leading up to the World Cup 2018 that will be held from June 14 to July 15 in Russia. Today, we are featuring teams in Group C)

MOSCOW (AP)—France, unless one of the three other teams prayed for a miracle and got one, will run away with the top spot in the pool. With France heavily picked to move past the group stage, only the last spot to the Round of 16 will be left to be disputed—with people leaning toward Denmark and Australia to battle for it. But the Danes and Socceroos should watch their back, as Peru is just waiting for that one big break to get into the next round, as what happened when they took the World Cup slot against three favored South American countries.

FRANCE

France is a young and vibrant team packed with flair and eye-catching talent.

The French twice recently took the lead while playing at World Cup champion Germany and caused the home defense all sorts of problems with the movement and speed of its devastating counter-attacks. But France is also prone to lapses in concentration, and that needs to be addressed if the team wants to win the trophy for the second time.

Les Bleus lost the 2006 World Cup final to Italy in a penalty shootout, lost to Germany in the quarterfinals of the 2014 World Cup, and could not handle the pressure of being the favorite in the Euro 2016 final at home against Portugal.

KEY PLAYER: *Raphael Varane* (Real Madrid)—The three-time Champions League-winning center back has the difficult task of marshalling a vulnerable defense.

COACH: *Didier Deschamps*—Turned France into a highly competitive team but has yet to deliver a trophy. Reaching the World Cup semifinals is the minimum target for the 49-year-old Deschamps, a former midfielder who captained France to victory at the 1998 World Cup and Euro 2000.

PERU

Chile, Ecuador and even Paraguay were considered favorites for South America's fifth spot in the World Cup. In the end, it went to a Peruvian team that conceded only seven goals in eight matches in 2017.

Many of the team's players are now in Mexican clubs; goalkeeper Pedro Gallese, defender Luis Advincula, midfielder Pedro Aquino and strikers Raul Ruidiaz and Andy Polo.

KEY PLAYER: *Paolo Guerrero* (Flamengo)—The 33-year-old captain scored six goals in qualifying, but is now a doubt for Russia while appealing against a FIFA doping ban.

COACH: *Ricardo Gareca* —The 59-year-old Argentine scored a goal in 1985 that eliminated Peru from South American qualifying. Since 2015, he has led a much better organized and well-paced Peruvian team to its first World Cup participation since 1982.

DENMARK

One of the fastest improving teams in Europe, Denmark is a team most will want to avoid.

Denmark hasn't played a major tournament since the 2012 European Championship, but is unbeaten in 11 games since its back-to-back losses in the qualifying against Poland and Montenegro in October 2016.

Two results stand out: A 4-0 win at home against top-seeded Poland in September and the 5-1 victory at Ireland in the second leg of the playoffs.

In both games, playmaker Christian Eriksen created and scoring goals. His form can decide Denmark's fortunes in Russia.

KEY PLAYER: *Christian Eriksen* (Tottenham)—Only 18 on his World Cup debut in 2010, Eriksen is in prime form this time, scoring 11 goals in eight different games during Denmark's unbeaten streak.

COACH: *Age Hareide*—The 64-year-old Norwegian has spent his entire career in Scandinavia, including a five-year spell leading his home country.

AUSTRALIA

Qualified for its fourth consecutive World Cup, but had to take the long route through the playoffs after failing to secure direct entry on goal difference.

The Australians played 22 games in qualifying, including an Asian playoff against Syria and culminating with a playoff win over Honduras. That made them the next-to-last team to clinch a spot at the tournament.

The nucleus of the young squad that went to Brazil four years ago has remained, helping the country win its first Asian Cup title in 2015 and develop an attacking style it touts as the Australian way.

KEY PLAYER: *Mile Jedinak* (Aston Villa)—With much of the attention on 37-year-old Tim Cahill, Jedinak has returned from injury to stabilize the midfield and score a hat trick against Honduras.

COACH: *Bert van Marwijk*—The Dutch took over from Ange Postecoglou, who quit a week after Australia secured its place in Russia. Marwijk is best remembered for bringing the Netherlands to the finals of the 2010 World Cup and was also instrumental in helping Saudi Arabia in its successful Asian qualification campaign.

FIFA All-TIME RANKINGS

TEAM	RANK	PTS	MP	W	D	L	GS	GA	AV. PTS	APPS
France	7	96	59	28	12	19	106	71	1.6	14
Denmark	25	26	16	8	2	6	27	24	1.6	4
Peru	37	15	15	4	3	8	19	31	1	4
Australia	46	9	13	2	3	8	11	26	0.8	4

MP : Matches played
GS : Goal scored
GA : Goals against
APPS : World Cup appearances (excluding 2018)

GROUP C SCHEDULE

France VS Australia	(June 16, 1AM, Kazan)	
France VS Peru	(June 22, 1AM, Ekaterinburg)	
Peru VS Denmark	(June 17, 2AM, Saransk)	
Australia VS Peru	(June 27, 12AM, Sochi)	
Denmark VS Australia	(June 21, 10PM, Samara)	
Denmark VS France	(June 27, 12AM, Moscow)	

SOURCE: FIFA.COM (Schedule is based on Saipan Time)

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Braves take Senior League pennant

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JON PEREZ
The NSA Braves first baseman and a Falcons runner get ready for the next play during an earlier game in the Senior League division of the 2018 Saipan Little League Baseball at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

The Braves labored through 11 innings to bring down the Falcons, 9-8, and win the pennant in the Senior League division of the 2018 Saipan Little League Baseball last Saturday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

Tyrese Camacho delivered the dagger for the Braves, as he singled at the bottom of the 11th inning, stole second and third, and then reached off a passed ball from the Falcons' Jericho Jones. The Braves finished the regular season with a 9-3 record, while the Falcons were at close second with their 8-4 mark.

The Falcons were aiming for a victory that would have forced a playoff for the pennant and they boosted their chances of winning in regulation, leading at 6-5, and one out away from closing the bottom of the seventh. Earlier, the Falcons scored three runs off the Braves throwing errors at the top of the seventh, turning a 3-5 deficit to a shaky one-run lead.

At the bottom of the seventh, Leveque Iguel led off for the Braves, walked, stole second, and moved to third off a fielder's choice. Vicente Camacho was next at bat and went down on a 6-3 play, while third batter Josenio Alvarez also went back to their dugout quickly after an infield fly at first. With two outs and Iguel 90 feet away from the game-tying run, Tom Agulto stepped up to the

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670 Sonics XVIII, Ol'Aces Real Deal win

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The 670 Sonics XVIII prevailed in the battle of sister teams, while the Ol'Aces Real Deal had another lopsided victory in the boys U18 division of the 2018 Frank M. Diaz Memorial Youth League last Tuesday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The 670 Sonics XVIII outclassed the 670 Sonics XVII in the first game, 45-41, while the Ol'Aces Real Deal waltzed past the 670 Sonics XVI in the second match, 104-40.

Sean Apasan scored the 670 Sonics XVIII' last two field goals to lift his team to the 4-point win. Bryan De Guzman and Khristian Itaas also contributed in the fourth quarter for the 670 Sonics XVIII's with the latter making 5 straight points to start the squad's offense and the former adding a string of 3 markers.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
The Ol'Aces Real Deal's Coby Santos pulls up for a fadeway jumper against a Chinatown Titans defender during their boys U18 division game in the Diaz youth caging last Monday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Rafael Ordonia delivered the other field goal for the 670 Sonics XVIII, which led from start to finish.

The 670 Sonics XVIII had its biggest advantage in the second canto, 24-13, thanks to the combined 11 points of Keeanu Diaz and Apasan. Diaz was then held to one field goal in the third canto, while Apasan was scoreless, allowing the 670 Sonics XVII to move within 6, 25-31, going into the fourth quarter.

Five different players hit the board for the 670 Sonics XVII in the third period to help the team stay in the game. However, the 670 Sonics XVIII gunners showed up in the fourth frame to protect their lead and take the close win.

Meanwhile, the second game was

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60-year-old Manny conquers Ironman

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It was a dream come true for Saipan resident Manny Sitchon, as he completed last Saturday's Century Tuna Ironman Philippines.

Sitchon finished the exhausting 1.9-kilometer swim, 180K bike, and 42.2K run in 15:59:53.

"Years ago, it was only my dream to finish an Ironman race. It was my long-term plan to do my first Ironman as I turn 60. I'm right on target," said Sitchon, admitting that quitting never crossed his mind despite feeling emotional throughout the race that drew more than 1,000 participants.

"The whole time while doing the Ironman race I was a bit emotional thinking of all the hardwork I dedicated for this event. After all the loneliness of doing a 7 to 8-hour weekend solo bike ride, the experience of waking up 3am just to be able to finish my run and be at the office by 8am and the challenge of juggling my swim time into my 12noon lunch break. On and off while swimming, biking and running, all these past events kept going through my mind," Sitchon said.

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Manny Sitchon poses for a photo wearing his Ironman Philippines finisher medal after completing the race last Saturday.